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## DEAR ALUMNAE AND FRIENDS:



Since my first days on campus, I've heard many stories: stories of academic discovery and scholarly collaboration, stories of longstanding traditions, stories of epic athletic achievement, stories of more than a century of remarkable women — in short, the stories that make Sweet Briar unique.

As alumnae, you know that the story just begins here — on the quad and in the dell and in Guion and the arts barn, at the riding center and in Prothro, out at the Boathouse and late nights in the residence halls. The story of each Sweet Briar woman continues through many more chapters after she graduates.

It is impressive to talk with alumnae and hear of the lives Sweet Briar women forge for themselves after graduation. Recently, I made a quick trip and spent time with several alumnae.

One very recent alumna was just heading off to the Courtauld Institute in London for graduate school. She said that the National Gallery, where she's employed in the sculpture department, will be holding her position open for her while she's away.

Another alumna, who graduated in the 1980s, practices real estate law. A member of Sweet Briar's Athletics Hall of Fame, she now plays in a senior women's lacrosse league and has served as chair of the board of the Quaker school she attended as a child. She's a dedicated Sweet Briar volunteer too, of course.

And an hour flew by while I listened to an accomplished woman from the Class of 1950 tell her story. Born in Poland and educated in Russia, she came to Sweet Briar when her father arrived here to teach languages. She now teaches Russian and Polish at a community college near her home and volunteers as a translator for recent immigrants. Hanging on the wall in her apartment was a commendation for her service helping to trace and document the families of Holocaust victims.

Three alumnae at three different stages of life, challenging themselves daily to learn, compete, serve and grow. All are part of the larger story of Sweet Briar, and all are proud of the Sweet Briar chapter in their lives.

You'll notice this issue of the Sweet Briar College Magazine has a new look and tells of far-flung places — the Amazon, Cambodia, France. It dives into the ocean to study coral off the Virgin Islands and steps into the classroom with Dr. Durham's "Anthropology of Globalization." We'll be sharing more stories like these in future issues — stories of alumnae, students and faculty who share meaningful, and often rare, experiences.

I hope it inspires you to reflect on, and perhaps even to share, your own Sweet Briar stories.

Sincerely,

Jo Ellen Parker, President

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**On the Cover:** Lindsay Eneguess '11 dives off the coast of St. John Island. Read the full story on page 12.  
Photo by Craig Downs.





## Homecoming Weekend 2010

Sweet Briar celebrated its annual Homecoming Weekend, Sept. 24 and 25. Over 1,000 people gathered for Founders' Day convocation and the walk to Monument Hill, sports tournaments, the Cardboard Boat Regatta, picnics, fireworks, the Saturday evening dinner dance and more. For the full story in pictures, view the Homecoming image gallery at [www.sbc.edu](http://www.sbc.edu).

THE COLLEGE RECENTLY FORMALIZED A PARTNERSHIP with Endstation Theatre Company, which performs the Blue Ridge Summer Theatre Festival each year on Sweet Briar's grounds. Beginning with the 2011 summer season, the College will expand its support of the festival, providing housing, rehearsal space, use of equipment, and some administrative support to make the festival possible. The College hopes to use this partnership to develop student internships and new educational programs.

This past summer, Endstation's BRSTF season included performances of "The Complete Wrks of Wilm Shkspr (Abridged)" by the Reduced Shakespeare Company, "Alice in Wonderland" adapted by Madge Miller and Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

## Sweet Briar Co-Sponsors the Blue Ridge Summer Theatre Festival

Each year at least one play is set outdoors in a location that complements and enhances the dramatic experience of the story. The 2008 performance of "Romeo and Juliet" made use of the College's buildings and balconies. In 2009, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" set the dell aglow near Guion Science Center, and this year, "Hamlet" was performed behind one of the dairy barns with spectators lounging on the hillside.

This innovative company strives to unite both play and place. Endstation's performance of "Hamlet" was set in 1864 during the height of the Civil War, using the paint-chipped barn, the hills studded with hay bales and even the passing clouds to conjure the world of the play for its viewers.







## Sweet Briar in Nice

SWEET BRIAR JUNIOR YEAR IN FRANCE, the oldest co-educational intercollegiate study abroad program in Paris, has expanded to include a partnership with the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis in Nice, France. Students were enrolled in the program beginning in August 2010. The Nice program is based on JYF's successful Paris model, which was established in 1948.



## Sign Dedication

During Homecoming Weekend, descendants of James and Lavinia Fletcher attended the dedication of a new interpretive sign at the slave graveyard on campus. The record of Lavinia's enslavement on the antebellum Sweet Briar Plantation was discovered by research anthropologist Lynn Rainville. Lynn delivered the keynote address on Founders' Day, honoring the contributions of enslaved and freed African-Americans whose labor enabled the founding of the College.

**S**WEET BRIAR PROMISES TO HELP EVERY INTERESTED STUDENT *find an internship sometime during her college career that best suits her goals and needs. Many students participated in internships and study opportunities this past summer. Here are four examples.*

A SUMMER HAZE HUNG OVER THE NATION'S CAPITAL as Bianca Ktenas '12 reported to her first day as an intern at Fox News to help produce "America's News HQ." The security checkpoint at the building almost made her late, but a nicely dressed gentleman, as she puts it, helped her wind through the red tape. In the elevator, Bianca commented, "That's a good looking Hermes tie," as the ding indicated she had reached the right floor. Ten minutes later Bianca saw him on-air, his image (and tie) multiplied by the many monitors around the room. He was the security expert for the news show.

Her first day experience allowed Bianca to dive right into

her work, whether it was the grunt labor of tape filing or the more rewarding work of conducting pre-interviews, going out on assignment or filming a news package.

She says, "hands down," the most valuable experience was going on a shoot with Heidi Noonan. "We covered the Boy Scout Jamboree Parade to mark their 100th anniversary," she says. "I was able to see a news crew at work and even got to do a couple off-camera interviews while receiving invaluable pointers from Heidi."

As an economics major and a communications minor, Bianca hopes to combine the two avenues after she graduates.



COREY LATTA '11 IS MAJORING IN THEATER with a minor in voice and French horn performance. She spent nine weeks inside the stories of "Where the Wild Things Are" and "Angelina Ballerina" with groups of children ages 4 to 16 as her cast.

As a "teaching artist" at the Lexington Children's Theatre, Corey incorporated art projects, games and performance to enliven the setting each week so her cast of budding actors and actresses would feel the world of the theater.

"It was an intense experience, but a good one," she says. "I learned a lot about myself, and it was a safe space in which I could learn from my mistakes and also receive feedback, advice and any other kind of help."

This summer experience offered a good staging ground, since Corey's aspirations are to continue similar work after she graduates. And she didn't close the case on her French horn either. This summer afforded her the opportunity to play in the orchestra for a local theater's main stage production.





ON  
THE  
QUAD  
news and notes  
around campus

BEL CANTO MEANS BEAUTIFUL SINGING, and for Sarah Schofield '11 it was the pursuit of her summer experience — studying bel canto opera in Italy. It's a style first used in the 19th century for an opera that combined powerful and effortless legato of range and a poetic subject matter. The idea of contextualizing Italian culture with the music Sarah performs made the trip worth her while. "The vocal pieces came much more naturally being in the place of their original language," she says. "I was surrounded by teachers, coaches and students — all talented and all with the common goal: bel canto opera. I have never been in an atmosphere that rivaled this one, and I was surprised by everyone's willingness to help and their level of passion for their art."

No doubt that her four semesters of Italian and her major study of music at Sweet Briar immersed her in the language and culture of Italy well before her study abroad experience. "My training and classes in Italy were almost a direct parallel with those here on campus," she says.

Sarah plans to continue the music track and pursue graduate studies in musical performance next year.

FOUNDED IN 1954, THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES, "seeks a humane and sustainable world for all animals — a world that will also benefit people." That's the PR statement, and one that Morgan Harman '11 learned the ins and outs of while working in the public relations office of the HSUS as an intern this summer.

In researching internships, Morgan was chosen from a list of 200 to work at the Smithsonian. She also received an offer for a paid position at a law office in Virginia. She turned them both down to go to the HSUS.

She spent the summer combing news articles and compiling clips for the public relations staff to review. She also proofed press releases and worked closely with senior executives.

A highlight of her time was writing a 750 word essay that, "showed why an 'umbrella' group like the HSUS was needed," she says. "It's now being featured on the student outreach page on the HSUS website." Morgan is the editor of the Sweet Briar newspaper and an anthropology major with a minor in English/creative writing. Her goal is to work in the news industry.



## Teaching Model Pilot Gets High-tech Lift

EBONNIE “TY” SHREVE ’14 STARTED CARRYING HER APPLE IPAD everywhere she went — even to Wal-Mart — as soon as it arrived in the mail.

Ty received the iPad this summer from Sweet Briar, free, but with strings attached. She is one of 30 students in two sections of English 104 who agreed to experiment with the device to examine ways to incorporate it into their learning. Before they even arrived on campus, the students completed creative projects related to reading assignments.

Fifteen faculty members are conducting a similar experiment using iPads for teaching. These were paid for by a Mellon Foundation grant that provides discretionary funds for new presidents to support initiatives important to them. Both groups will share what they learn as part of a strategic effort to ensure that Sweet Briar is providing a digitally sophisticated education to all students.

“Of course, what is meaningful in this pilot is not the iPads themselves,” says President Jo Ellen Parker. “They are simply one opportunity to examine the ways in which digital tools can — or cannot — enhance pedagogy. In other words, this pilot project is about teaching, not about a device.”

Ty, a multi-instrument musician and biology major who is eyeing the pre-vet program, has found the highlighting feature a bit tricky to use but doesn’t mind the e-reader. Annotating is fast and easy, she says. She likes the way it organizes her notes by page number — almost like a table of contents — and how easy it is to find a notation or passage in the text by searching. And unlike a laptop, the iPad is always ready to go.



## On-Campus Research

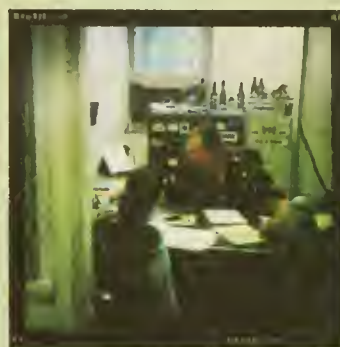
CHRYSTAL COLLINS ’10 AND professor of environmental studies David Orvos used the environmental sciences lab’s atomic absorption spectrometer to test about 70 samples of human breast milk for mercury. They used cold-vapor hydride analysis to measure levels of the metal. The samples were collected from women in Belize in response to concerns about environmental contaminants. Collins, of Lusby, Md., graduated summa-cum laude with a B.A. in archaeology and minors in anthropology and environmental science.





# 2014 ARRIVES

This fall Sweet Briar welcomed the Class of 2014, a group of young women who traveled to campus from 30 different states, the U.S. Virgin Islands, China, Singapore and the United Kingdom.



16  
students have  
alumnac relatives

99  
students took at least one  
AP course in high school



197  
total students

179  
first-time college students

18  
transfer students



57  
students were riders before  
attending Sweet Briar

3.44  
was the average  
high school GPA

## Goal-driven

### Sophomore Lands \$20,000 Trip to Vietnam

By Jennifer McManamay



Amanda-Cristina "Cris" Gonzalez  
looked at Vietnam and  
saw a nation on the rise.

SHE MADE A PERSUASIVE ARGUMENT TO THAT EFFECT, winning a prestigious \$20,000 Boren Scholarship from the National Security Education Program to study there during the 2010-2011 academic year.

Cris is learning the Vietnamese and Khmer languages, culture, national politics and international affairs at Vietnam National University, while living with a Vietnamese family. During her stay, she also will study in Cambodia for a month.

Boren Scholarships are funded by the government to encourage study of geographic areas, languages and fields that are critical to U.S. interests. Recipients must complete a one-year service obligation, which means Cris will be guaranteed a job after college in a national security-related post.

The service obligation made the opportunity attractive to Cris, a government major and law and society minor, who is planning a career with the FBI or CIA. She will have three years to complete her service obligation, and may choose to pursue graduate studies.





Cris' research on study abroad destinations led her to believe Vietnam is an up-and-coming economic and cultural power, poised to become the next Japan or China. As its importance to U.S. interests grows, people who know its languages and culture will be in demand, she reasoned.

"By the time Vietnam is a major player I will be ahead of the game," she says.

She used that argument in her essay for application, a rigorous, months-long process. National Security Education Program grant applications require an on-campus review board to ensure the undergraduate makes a compelling case for how her study abroad plan advances national interests, meets her own career goals and why she will be successful in the program.

"The NSEP Boren grant is really specialized," says Tiffany Cummings, Sweet Briar's director of international studies. "You truly have to have an interest in national security to succeed. It was clear from Cris' application that this is her intended career direction. She worked very hard on her application, submitting numerous drafts first to me and then to the NSEP on-campus committee. I'm really proud of her."

She also notes that to her knowledge, the Boren award is the largest external grant an SBC student has received to study abroad.

"[The review board] tested my limits," Cris says. "Let's just say it was tough love. It was tough love big time. I had to demonstrate that I was very knowledgeable of the country and that I knew what I was getting myself into."

She had support from her professors,

particularly government instructor and pre-law advisor Larry Janow. He was a reliable ear to whom she turned often for encouragement.

He also wrote a letter of recommendation, which he said was easy to do. "One thing about Cris is she's pretty driven," Larry says. "She had a plan. She wanted internships, she wanted a year abroad, various things to come along with her traditional education. ... The Boren zeroed in on and gave her the opportunity to do just what she wanted to do."

The granddaughter of a Marine, Cris was in the Navy Junior ROTC at Pike High School in Indianapolis, and has contemplated military service. She is adventurous and despite being dubbed "too Americanized" by her cousins on extended visits to Mexico, her ability to fit in there became a plus in her quest for the scholarship.

Her mother, on the other hand, deluged her with articles pointing out the perils an American might face in Southeast Asia. And Flora Gonzalez's persistence is a force to reckon with.

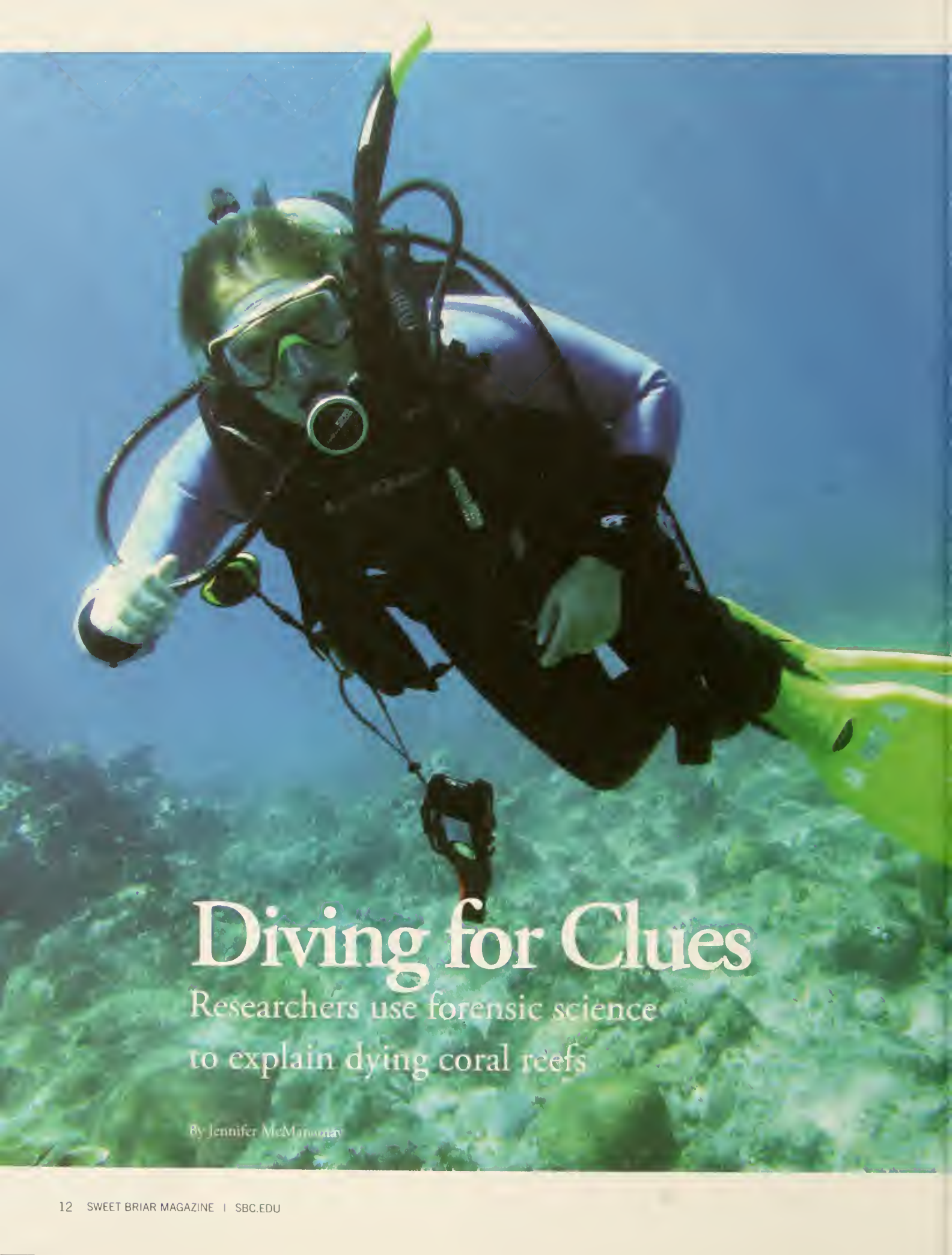
During Cris' college search, Flora was taken with Sweet Briar's mission statement. She kept slipping the College's pink admissions envelope into the pile to be considered even as her daughter set it aside. As Cris was about to commit to Seton Hall her mother said, "Are you sure?" The pink envelope appeared once again.

Her mother's powers of persuasion notwithstanding, Cris was ready for Vietnam and she knew her parents were behind her. "They believe in me enough to let me go," she says. ☉



## VIETNAM

**Capital**  
Hanoi  
**Largest city**  
Ho Chi Minh City  
**Official language(s)**  
Vietnamese  
**Government**  
Socialist republic  
**Area**  
128,527 sq mi  
**Population**  
2009 census  
85,846,997  
**GDP (PPP)**  
2009 estimate  
\$256.584 billion  
Per capita \$2,942  
**Drives on the right**




# Diving for Clues

Researchers use forensic science  
to explain dying coral reefs

By Jennifer McManis



A vertical photograph of an underwater coral reef. The image shows various types of coral, including branching and table corals, in shades of green and brown. Several small fish are visible swimming around the coral. The lighting is somewhat dim, typical of underwater photography.

A sure sign that a reef is thriving is the sound of fish eating the coral.

"A HEALTHY REEF IS REALLY LOUD. It's deafening under water," says Lindsay Eneguess '11.

Depending on the number and variety of species, sea creatures noshing on the corals' hard exoskeleton can sound like crunching on chalk or eating Grape Nuts without the milk.

Corals are animals. They secrete calcium carbonate, forming an exoskeleton, which builds the reef that creates an ecosystem for more than 25 percent of Earth's marine species. But coral reefs cover less than 1 percent of the world's ocean surfaces, so it's important to know why so many are dying.

Hawksnest Bay, part of the Virgin Islands National Park on the island of St. John, is one of the places where reefs are in trouble. Lindsay, an environmental sciences and studio art major from Peterborough, N.H., spent a week there in June investigating why. She worked as an intern to collect sediment samples with coral reef expert Craig Downs, along with two scientists from the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Lindsay's mother also accompanied them.

Craig is a Virginia-based forensic scientist who investigates the causes of environmental damage to habitats around the world. In 2009 Professor Dave Orvos invited him to join Sweet Briar's faculty as a research professor in the environmental studies program, a collaboration that offers additional internships and field experience to Sweet Briar students. The relationship benefits Craig as well.

"One of the reasons I'm at Sweet Briar is to help introduce students into the field," he says. "There is a need for environmental forensic investigators by various federal, state and territorial agencies. And there are very few people out there that do this."

But he also notes that while he and his colleagues make up a relatively small community, many of them are women and he regards Sweet Briar as natural training ground.



In Hawksnest Bay, Lindsay and Craig were working with the National Park Service. Later in the summer, they went to the Florida Keys and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where they collected coral, sediment and algae samples for a U.S. NOAA-led project.

Because the U.S. Navy restricts access to Guantanamo Bay, it is home to some of the world's most pristine coral reefs. That makes it an ideal reference site for what healthy reefs should look and sound like. Lindsay was lucky to be able to dive there and joined the relatively few civilians allowed access to parts of the island and the naval base where they lodged and ate.

It was fortunate for the entire team that the weather cooperated enough for her to dive, Craig says. They were short-handed and needed her help as an extra field technician, but conditions in Guantanamo are often too dangerous for novice divers.

Lindsay certified in scuba diving last spring to prepare for her internship. She'd also worked in the lab alongside Dave Orvos for a year learning to run toxicity assays. With Dave and Craig, she mapped the land and sea transects they wanted to investigate at St. John, researched potential sources of pollution in the bay and set

up the collection procedures.

The last item is important because it establishes a chain of custody to ensure the integrity of the specimens. Many coral species are federally protected and if illegal activity is causing their destruction, the samples could be used for criminal prosecution. At St. John, Lindsay collected terrestrial soil samples from the surrounding watershed as well as sediment from the bay floor.

After so much preparation, Lindsay was happy to finally make a dive. "I got to see lots of wildlife," she says. "Seeing everything I've seen on National Geographic was really cool."

The underwater forensic work quickly became a favorite part of the project. "It's made me think about what I want to do after school," she says.

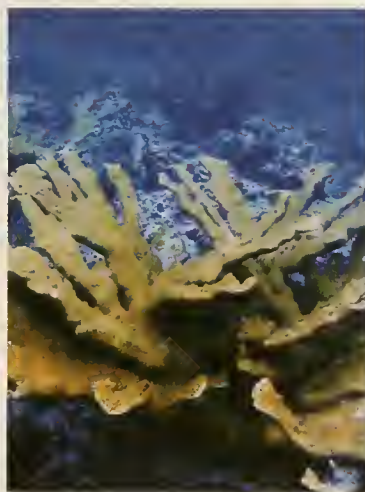
Dave also has noticed a change in his student from her early years at Sweet Briar. She is an athlete who has received all-conference honors in field hockey and a double major in studio art. "Lindsay wasn't all that interested in science," Dave says. "Now she's thinking about it. If she'll be a scientist, who knows?"

Lindsay says it was obvious where reefs are healthy and where they are not. The telltale quiet and scarcity of fish were especially





## COVER STORY



noticeable around mooring buoys where small craft and sail boats tie up in the bay. One of the team's hypotheses is that anti-fouling marine paint is leaching heavy metals into the water.

Meant to keep the hulls of watercraft free of algae, barnacles and the like, the paint is among the "most toxic substances you can find," Craig says. "It kills everything — bacteria, plants, invertebrates."

During the fall semester Dave and Lindsay are testing the sediment for pollutants, but duplicate samples also were sent to a commercial lab. If toxicity is present, the assays should distinguish between paint compounds and contaminants coming from other sources. A lumber yard and landfill within the bay's watershed also are suspects in the investigation.

Lindsay and Craig made eight dives, including in areas of the bay that catch drainage from the surrounding jungle. They usually waded from the surf out to depths of 25 to 30 feet — which made

it doubly exciting when Craig spotted a 9-foot bull shark swimming within 15 feet of his intern. He motioned to ascend and they were done diving for the day.

Craig was cautious because the bay was slightly cloudy from a recent rain, which occurs in marine waters fed by gullies or streams. Experienced divers usually avoid such conditions in waters known for really scary sharks, such as tigers and makos, he says.

"The turbidity and 'flavor' of the water drives sharks to be aggressive. This bully was circling us and throwing its head back and forth in an agitated manner. I've wrestled small bullies out of sea turtle nets by hand, in the water on snorkel, and never an issue. But this bully really looked like it was dangerous."

They returned in a boat and chased the shark away the next day. Craig couldn't help but notice it was towing two 3-foot remoras, a fish that hitches rides on other animals, traveling for free and sometimes snacking on their leftovers. ☺



# A Royal Journey

Tracy's research suggests there is more to be learned about gender as it relates to the rule of land

## ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ART HISTORY

Tracy Chapman Hamilton has always been fascinated with maps, and, being a medievalist, old maps are her specialty. This past summer, Tracy traced the footsteps of medieval royalty, visiting regions of France where several queens and countesses built important landmarks, uncovering new facets of their culture and history.

Tracy set out for Paris, Burgundy and Picardy with the hypothesis that royal women in the 13th and 14th centuries often became patrons of certain stopping points along roads that connected their birthplace to their place of marriage and adulthood. They would enrich such places, called foundations, with hospitals, schools, gifts to local monasteries, libraries and other amenities. Such beneficence showed visitors along these well-traveled routes evidence of a connected heritage of place, a link or bond between the homelands of these women and their lands of rule in France. The royal

lady's name, heritage, interests and care of the land thus became known to all travelers, from peasants to pilgrims, along the routes of her foundations.

Tracy's research suggests there is more to be learned about gender as it relates to the rule of land — where governing women may have seen their role as connectors of lands and cultures, men viewed their role as keepers of borders and boundaries. This is all part of a larger study, where Tracy has and will continue to explore how these women were able to increase their own power through these foundations.

Tracy became interested in the history of women in graduate school and never ceases to find new, intriguing avenues for exploration. "There are all kinds of back doors to discovering the history of women," she says. "And because of these new methods of finding them, we're getting an entire other version of history, not just about women, but about men and class, and in the process enriching our understanding of the whole past." ☉





Rob and his wife Sheila traipsing through the jungle.



Tarantula inside a palm tree near the Amazon Research Center lodge in Peru.

A squirrel monkey running along a narrow vine above the Tahuayo River, Peru.

## A Lens on Wildlife

# Wildlife economist Rob Alexander pursues photography

ROB ALEXANDER'S PASSION FOR WILDLIFE ECONOMICS goes hand in hand with his talent for photography. Throughout his career as a professor of environmental studies, Rob has traveled to China, Africa, Australia and New Zealand to investigate the economic factors that play a role in the decline of endangered species. On his trips, he never forgets to bring his camera along.

Rob's research goal is to find ways that both humans and wildlife can benefit from one another. One of his research projects involves the African wild dog, an endangered species whose habitat is being lost to ranching, farming and development. Although protected by law, the wild dog is considered a pest by many landowners in South Africa, where it is often shot as a danger to livestock. Rob looked at ways for these people to benefit from the dogs. Wild dog tourism was one financially viable idea, and today, at least one landowner is now selling wild dog tours.

As Rob strives to help people re-envision their relationship with the wildlife and resources around them, he's also providing inspiration through an interest that has blossomed into full-fledged talent. Rob has been taking photos on his travels for more than 25 years, rising before his research team to get the best shots at daybreak. Recently, he and his wife Sheila took a trip along the banks of the Amazon. They stayed at a lodge in Peru owned by an American biologist, which served as a home base for daily excursions. Here are a few of his latest photographs from the Amazon. 📷

To see more photos and learn more about wildlife economics, visit Rob's website: [www.wildearthnet.org](http://www.wildearthnet.org).





## Rob Granger



LINUS BOOKS RECENTLY RELEASED TWO TEXTBOOKS by professor of chemistry Rob Granger, entitled "Chemistry: A Decidedly Pre-Organic Approach" and "Chemistry: An Introduction to Advanced Topics." The set is designed for an emerging curricular trend in college chemistry, which splits the general chemistry curriculum in two with organic chemistry sandwiched in between. The first volume prepares students for success in organic chemistry, while the second, taught after the organic sequence, acts as a foundation for advanced topics.

"We switched to teaching the one-two-one sequence in the fall of 2006," Rob says, "but there wasn't a book on the market that fit our style. I began by trying to modify an existing textbook, and eventually wrote my own. Students will be using the two-volume set this fall."

At Sweet Briar, Rob not only enjoys teaching, but is dedicated to his research on improving cancer drugs. He's working with a selective cancer fighting drug, enhancing its ability to preserve healthy cells as it attacks harmful ones. He's also designing a catalyst that mimics photosynthesis; in essence, he's working toward designing electrochemical cells that can recycle air, similarly to trees and plants.

Rob has been at Sweet Briar since 1999 and has been published most notably in the Journal of the American Chemical Society, the Journal of Inorganic Chemistry, the Journal of Undergraduate Chemistry Research and the Virginia Journal of Science.

## John Casteen

IN SPRING 2011, THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA PRESS will release "For the Mountain Laurel," a collection of poems by visiting assistant professor John Casteen. Poems from the manuscript have appeared in the Paris Review, Prairie Schooner, Shenandoah and other literary magazines.

"My poems tend to start in the outside world and then to move inward," John says. "I'm interested in the associative moves that link abstract thought, which is private, to the outside world, which is public: history, culture, religion, economics and art. I write less and less about family and work, more and more about recovery and perseverance. I like people who are resilient and resourceful, and I want to write poems that emulate those qualities."

Over the past several years, John has found a home at Sweet Briar, a place of natural beauty filled with a supportive group of people where he can teach and write. He says people's openness has been a tremendous gift.

Of writing, John says, "What I enjoy most is the feeling of preparing to do justice to the creative impulse, and the occasional confidence that I've done it well. When I find out from other people that they find pleasure in the poems, that's pretty much the best. Writers ought to please themselves first and foremost, but they can't do it in a vacuum. The point is other people."







## Celeste Delgado-Librero

THE FIRST ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF Jaume Roig's "The Mirror" will be released this fall by the Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, featuring Sweet Briar's Junior Year in Spain director, Celeste Delgado-Librero, as translator. "The Mirror," a canonical work of Catalan literature, is a 15th-century narrative poem originally written in the Valencian dialect. The text is extremely challenging, even for native Catalan speakers. Its 16,247 pentasyllabic lines integrate many European and Eastern traditions and motifs including Mariology and the Bible, misogyny, the sermon, the dream and more.

"Transcribing and translating 'The Mirror,' and writing the introduction and notes was an exhilarating and exasperating undertaking," Celeste says. "I learned a great deal about all kinds of topics: medicine, law, religion, history, science, agriculture, languages, even fishing! Nor being a native speaker of either the original or the target language — my native tongue is Spanish — the translation process was quite challenging."

But Celeste considers herself, as she puts it, an old-fashioned philologist, a lover and lifetime learner of all languages. She has been affiliated with Sweet Briar since 1990, first as an exchange student and now as a Spanish professor and director of JYS.

## Stephen R. Wassell

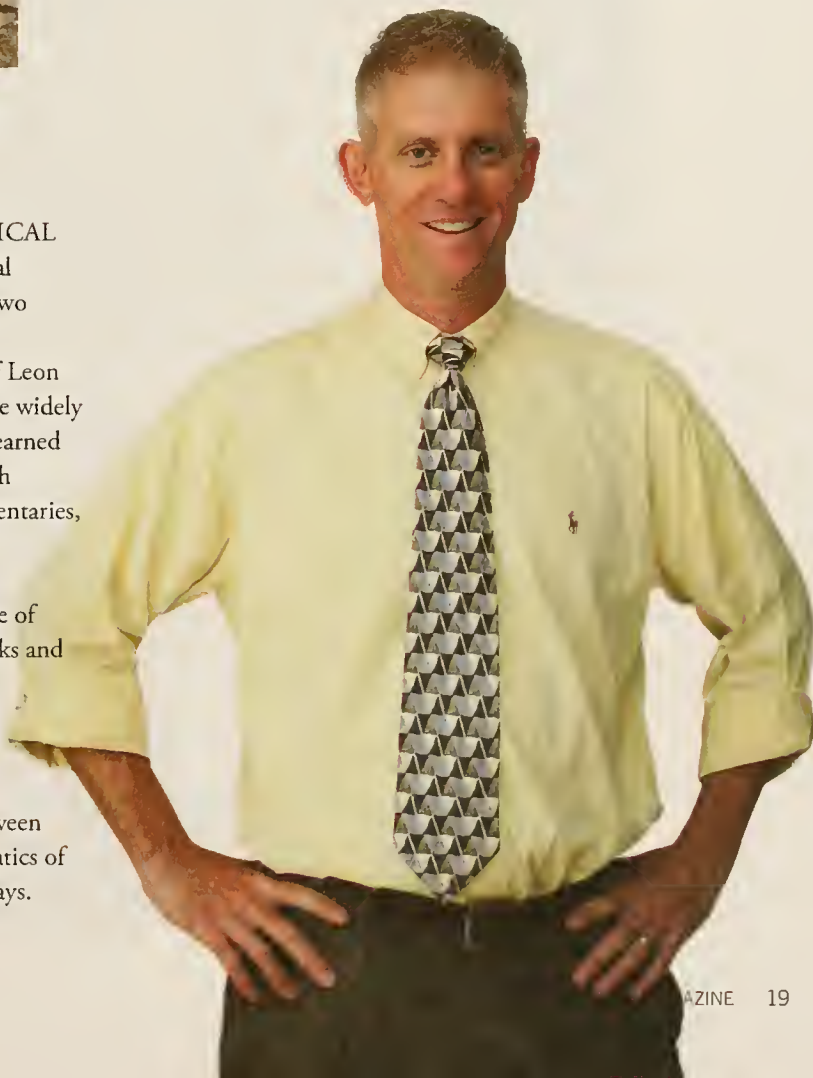
STEVE WASSELL, PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES, celebrates the release of "The Mathematical Works of Leon Battista Alberti," which he edited with two other scholars, Kim Williams and Lionel March.

The book delves into four mathematical treatises of Leon Battista Alberti (1404 to 1472), whose prolific and more widely known contributions to architecture, art and literature earned him a place in history. Steve's book provides new English translations of Alberti's works, along with expert commentaries, making the content accessible for all levels of interest.

Steve's previous book, published in 2006, "Andrea Palladio: Villa Cornaro in Piombino Dese" surveyed one of Palladio's most famous and influential architectural works and included 14 fold-out architectural drawings.

The connections between art, architecture and mathematics have intrigued Steve since he began his professional career.

"The aim of my research into the relationships between architecture and mathematics is to explore the mathematics of beauty and to extol the beauty of mathematics," Steve says.





# The U.S.-Japan Alliance

## An Alumna's Perspective on Security in the Asian Pacific

By Colleen Murray





In 1960, the United States and Japan signed a revised Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security pledging both countries to resist armed attack on territories under Japanese administration.

2010 MARKS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY of the treaty, an opportune time for both nations to take a hard look at the accord in light of political and economic developments in East Asia since its signing. The treaty positioned Japan as the linchpin for security in the region, but it's no longer clear the agreement fulfills this vision. Carolyn Leddy '98 spent the past year in Tokyo researching this critical and delicate balance of power as a Council on Foreign Relations/Hitachi Ltd. research fellow.

Carolyn focused on the impact of U.S. extended deterrence — America's commitment to use all means of military power, including nuclear weapons, to protect Japan from an adversary — on Japan's defense posture. Her analysis examines how the rise of Chinese military capabilities and the nuclear and ballistic threat posed by North Korea influence Japanese strategic thinking. In her view, Japan lacks a coherent national security policy reflecting the present-day strategic reality.

When the treaty was signed, it was understood that Japan would not assist any U. S. territories should the occasion arise, because its constitution forbids waging war overseas. The treaty has allowed the U.S. to provide an international security presence

in East Asia, an area in which nuclear, ballistic and armed forces threats have been anything but stable. However, Carolyn suggests that Tokyo take greater responsibility for regional and international security. She believes Japan must begin this process at home by removing political constraints that hamper its ability to craft a genuine national security policy.

"If U.S. naval vessels were engaged in training operations in international waters off the coast of Japan and came under attack from North Korea, Japan could not come to the aid of the U.S.," she wrote recently in the Wall Street Journal. "A similar constitutional interpretation also prohibits Japan from acting to intercept a North Korean ballistic missile headed for the U.S." Carolyn says it's been a bumpy year for the U.S.-Japan alliance, and she hopes that she has contributed to the dialogue on the future role of international security between the two countries in a constructive way.

Carolyn's strong interest in international politics grew from her junior year abroad in the Czech Republic. An internship at the U.S. Embassy in Prague gave her an opportunity to see firsthand the ups and downs of implementing a democratic system. Carolyn pursued her interests in graduate school at Columbia



JAPAN

**Capital**  
Tokyo  
**Largest city**  
Tokyo  
**Official language(s)**  
None  
**Government**  
Constitutional monarchy  
**Area**  
145,925 sq mi  
**Population**  
2010 estimate  
127,420,000  
**GDP (PPP)**  
2009 estimate  
\$4.267 trillion  
Per capita \$33,478  
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University, where she earned a master's degree in international affairs with a concentration in international security policy. She began her career at the State Department, working on nonproliferation and disarmament initiatives in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. This experience led her to a new position with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In 2003, she rejoined the State Department as a political appointee in the Bush administration, working on a variety of nonproliferation and counter-proliferation issues from biological weapons to Libyan disarmament activities. In 2006, Carolyn made the move to the White House as director for counter-proliferation strategy on the staff of the National Security Council. A year into the position, she traveled to North Korea as a member of the U.S. delegation surveying and negotiating the disablement of the Yongbyon nuclear facility, a trip that marked a turning point in her career.

"After I returned from North Korea it was apparent to me that the appearance of progress was a higher priority than actual progress toward disarmament itself, and that my views were no longer welcome," Carolyn says. "There are always

internal policy skirmishes and disagreements in every administration. You know from the outset that you can't win every policy battle. But North Korea policy was different because the dramatic change in the policy direction seemed to me to be a betrayal of the nonproliferation and counter-proliferation goals the administration had advocated since the beginning. I am proud of my service in the Bush administration and believe we achieved a number of important policy victories in the nonproliferation and counter-proliferation area on behalf of U.S. national security. But I believe to this day that the reversal of course on North Korea policy was a mistake."

After disagreeing with the talks and policy negotiations in North Korea, she resigned from the Bush administration. "I am a type A personality, and I have always planned and carefully considered my career progression, but at the end of 2007, I left without a plan," she says.

Carolyn had accepted an assignment for a small think tank when an unexpected illness put her career on hold. While recovering from heart surgery, she began searching for something that would reignite her passion for foreign policy.



"A friend sent me an e-mail about the fellowship and I said 'why not?' I had been searching for a sign that would refocus my life after my health crisis," she says.

After an extensive application and interview process, Carolyn was awarded the fellowship. Sponsored by Hitachi Ltd., a large, Japanese technology-based corporation with a global presence, and the Council on Foreign Relations, the post is designed for mid-career professionals who may assist in establishing new links and maintaining ties between the U.S. and Japan.

The U.S. defense umbrella includes the large conventional force presence of nearly 47,000 troops stationed in Japan, strategic commitments in the region and commitment of extended deterrence guaranteed by U.S. nuclear forces. Time and events have strained this arrangement. Aside from economic problems and potential threats from China and North Korea, many Japanese are unhappy with the number of U.S. troops stationed on their soil. Two incidents related to the Futenma airbase, home to about 4,000 troops, contributed to the unrest. The first was the abduction and rape of a 12-year-old Okinawan girl by three U.S. servicemen in 1995. In 2004 a helicopter crashed into Okinawa International University, elevating already heightened concerns about public safety near the urban base. After nearly 15 years of negotiation, an agreement was struck in 2006 to relocate the base, only to fall apart four years later.

U.S. forces stationed in Japan have long been a controversial and complex issue. While the majority of the Japanese public supports the presence of U.S. forces in Japan for maintaining security, the people of Okinawa remain less sanguine about U.S. forces in their backyard. Moreover, most Japanese remain unaware of the strategic value of U.S. forces in Japan for security and stability in East Asia.

"It's a very challenging time for Japan," Carolyn says. "Japan is witnessing its economy being surpassed by China. To top it off, Japan is facing a massive fiscal deficit. Japan has one of the world's oldest populations, combined with one of the lowest birth rates in the world. The pension system is under severe stress, and it is expected to get worse in the coming years. There are simply not enough workers to support the graying population. And in

many respects, Japan is becoming a more inward-looking society rather than a global society.

Immigration is an extremely sensitive issue here. Japan also still continues to try to overcome its colonial past in Asia, including with Korea and China."

In the numerous articles that Carolyn has published over the last year in the Wall Street Journal, the Daily Yomiuri and other publications, she urges the Japanese not to become complacent about taking initiative for their own defense, to take a stronger look at the changing world around them, and make decisions that will strengthen their own foothold as peacekeepers in East Asia.

Carolyn is realistic about the U.S.-Japan alliance. She believes it can endure another 50 years if the country adapts to face 21st-century threats to its own security, including its constitutional constraints on warfare. "But this is no easy task. Japan faces significant domestic political constraints which render it difficult to view foreign policy as playing a prominent role in Japanese politics in the coming years," she says.

One constraint is the economic slump the country has struggled to overcome for two decades. It was made worse by the 2008 banking crisis and the worldwide recession that followed.

Moreover, most Japanese remain unaware of the strategic value of U.S. forces in Japan for security and stability.

"As a result, no matter how hard the U.S. government pushes Japan to do more in the security area, it is likely to see the same minimal level of effort from Japan," Carolyn says. "And the tension over Futenma may only represent the beginning of turbulent times in the coming years. Thus, it may be necessary for the U.S. to look toward other security relationships in the Asia-Pacific, including Korea, Australia and even India, to assume more responsibility for security in the region as China's military rise continues and the instability of the Korean Peninsula persists." ☉

# Better Schools, Brighter Smiles

By Colleen Murray

Alumna's work helps Cambodian  
children build better futures



LIVING IN SINGAPORE WITH HER HUSBAND AND TWO BOYS, Paige Shiller Okun '88 works for an organization that changes children's lives with books and toothpaste. Caring for Cambodia is a nonprofit devoted to the education of nearly 5,600 children in the Siem Reap province of Cambodia. As an employee of CFC, Paige sees positive change happening there all the time, a welcome reward for the CFC team that has helped to build the organization from the inspiring vision of one Texan woman.

Seven years ago, Jamie Amelio of Texas visited the Cambodian temples of Angkor Wat, where children stood begging outside the temple walls. When she asked one of them why they wanted money, the child replied: to go to school.

When Jamie questioned villagers, she found that teachers are paid a tiny stipend and some not at all. The children and their families were supplementing teachers' salaries. Investigating further, she discovered other basic needs: books, shoes, hygiene instruction, proper nutrition and more. In the schools, children were crammed 10 to 15 to a desk in shoddy structures infested with insects and birds.

After that trip, Jamie soon founded Caring for Cambodia, which not only provides a strong Cambodian education for the students, but helps them to live healthier lives. In some cases, it has saved them.

Since 2006, Paige Okun has held one of two paid non-teaching positions at CFC. She works remotely from her home in Singapore

and visits Cambodia several times each year. As chief operating officer, she handles all of the fundraising and administration of the foundation. Her work assists CFC in covering the cost of teachers' salaries, libraries, school supplies, food and more. The children no longer have to pay for anything to attend school.

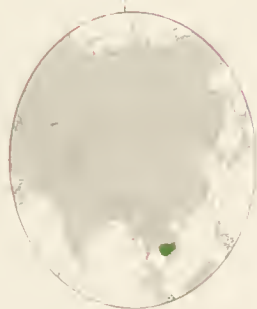
"We will take any child in the district who wants to come to school," Paige says.

The organization has eight schools, ranging from preschool, the first in Cambodia, to high school. It uses a professional teaching curriculum that is internationally recognized, but remains distinctly Cambodian.

"Our schools are run by paid professionals, all of whom are Cambodian," Paige says. "We have more than one hundred employees ranging from security guards to cooks to teachers to librarians. We feel it is very important for the staff to be Cambodian in order for the program to remain sustainable and replicable."

CFC had two goals for its teachers when it began its own training program: First, that they learned to teach a modern, effective curriculum, and second, that the curriculum they taught preserved the Cambodian spirit and culture. The organization recruited a group of practicing international teachers to volunteer as consultants. The group visited the schools, discussed best practices in teaching and created modules to educate the teachers on these practices.

The consultants had the national curriculum translated from the official



CAMBODIA

**Capital** Phnom Penh **Largest city** Phnom Penh **Official language** Khmer **Government** Constitutional monarchy **Area** 69,898 sq mi  
**Population** 2010 estimate 14,805,000 **GDP (PPP)** 2009 estimate \$28.092 billion **Per capita** \$2,084 **Currency** Riel (KHR)





language, Khmer, to English, and found it to be an excellent teaching guide. The problem was that Cambodian teachers simply hadn't been taught how to use it well enough. The consultants trained many of the CFC teachers to use the Cambodian curriculum more effectively, and added English as a second language and computer skills. They also identified and trained promising Cambodians to mentor their peers in the new techniques.

"We are hoping it will eventually always be Cambodians teaching Cambodians," Paige says.

The curriculum and teaching success of CFC has been recognized by the Cambodian government, which recently invited the organization's superintendent to speak at educational conferences.

"The government has now turned to us to ask how they can be involved," Paige says. "We're looking at making a huge change in how the whole country handles its education system."

But the program does even more than provide the educational tools that the students need. CFC believes in a

holistic approach to learning and development.

"We provide everything these children need to go to school," Paige says, including uniforms, a nutritious breakfast, books, backpacks, flip-flops, bicycles and even toothbrushes.

Because dental problems are a main cause of disease in third-world countries, Paige helped CFC start a program called Bright Smiles, Bright Futures. The program provides toothbrushes and paste for all of the children at the schools, where after breakfast, they brush their teeth.

"In the last three years, we haven't had a single child die," Paige says. "Before the program, we were losing ten to fifteen kids each year."

Paige says that CFC has had an impact on the lives of her own children, too.

"I visit Cambodia at least four times each year for about a week. On one of those trips, I take my kids. I've been able to show [them] a side of the world where there's such great need and such great hope. For us as a family, it's been incredible." ◎

ANTHROPOLOGY 238

# Exploring Globalization

By Colleen Murray



FEATURED COURSE



**W**HEN MANY OF US THINK OF GLOBALIZATION, we think of the West overwhelming the rest of the world, of chain stores and monopolies driving out the local fare, and the steady trickle of American jobs lost to overseas manufacturers. But Professor Debbie Durham's fall course "Anthropology of Globalization" seeks a wider view and asks students to look at the complex ways that globalization occurs and affects our decisions. She guides students through a dizzying array of ideas and scenarios that show how globalization is being produced in industries, communities and families around the world.

Debbie says that when anthropologists look at globalization, they focus on the individual: How do individuals solve problems in an environment now impacted by a global economy and mindset? How do they react to shifts in economy, culture and family life? How do they handle the new opportunities presented to them? And, most of all, why are their decisions important?

To generate discussions of these questions, the class explores how McDonald's isn't just exporting American culture. Debbie notes that Spain, not the United States, was one of the first places you could use a credit card at a McDonald's; that in China, locals appreciate McDonald's because it treats all customers equally; that in Korea people see McDonald's food as suitable for snack-time only; and that in some American McDonald's restaurants you now can eat samosas and black beans that first appeared on menus overseas. McDonald's is doing a lot more than what many Americans see as imposing on other cultures — while introducing American practices and items, it's also borrowing and inventing others abroad, in response to people's ways of living, and occasionally bringing them to the United States.

"When asked for an example of globalization, people often think first of McDonald's," Debbie says. "But anthropologists are interested in the complex way McDonald's becomes part of different people's projects."

The global impact of non-governmental agencies, especially western humanitarian organizations in Africa, makes up another part of the course.

"In Zimbabwe, the individual effects that these organizations have are very complicated and surprising," Debbie says. "Child-saving charities can cause family tensions and weaken the child's ability to call upon support from a wide variety of people that typically would have been responsible. They also undermine the way goods and wealth



are distributed among family members."

At the same time, such organizations have also helped to empower children, and in some cases, given them the ability to start their own programs of social change under limited adult supervision. Zimbabwe, Debbie notes, experimented with a Children's Parliament that reported to the government, and has a child-led African Movement of Working Children and Youth.

Although globalization is often thought of as the movement of western ideas and commodities, the course explores aspects of non-western influence as well. In countries around the world, Latin American telenovelas, Bollywood and Hong Kong kung fu films are popular, while American Hollywood films hold little interest. The Islamic fashion industry is another global movement that reaches from Asia into many parts of the world, including Great Britain and the U.S. as well as Niger and Indonesia.

"We live in a world where how we live our lives can have an impact on women in Sri Lanka, children in Africa and local restaurants in Belize," says Debbie. "Everything is connected. And an awareness of globalization is important for anyone working in any field today from banking to health care. These are things to be aware of that will make you think creatively and should help you act responsibly, but also to see opportunities and work with them."

A professor at Sweet Briar since 1993, Debbie Durham has co-edited two books, "Generations and Globalization: Youth, Age, and Family in the New World Economy" and "Figuring the Future: Globalization and the Temporalities of Children and Youth." Much of her research on youth has taken place in communities of Botswana; however, she is now undertaking a study of aging in Turkey. ☺

#### Recommended Reading:

Arjun Appadurai, "Modernity at Large: Cultural Dimensions of Globalization" | Sidney Mintz, "Sweetness and Power: The Place of Sugar in Modern History" | Aihwa Ong, "Flexible Citizenship: The Cultural Logics of Transnationality" | Richard Wilk, "Home Cooking in the Global Village" | Barbara Ehrenreich and Arlie Russell Hochschild, eds., "Global Woman: Nannies, Maids, and Sex Workers in the New Economy" | Colleen Ballerino Cohen, Richard Wilk and Beverly Stoeltje, eds., "Beauty Queens on the Global Stage"

## VIXEN HITTER Leads by Example

CASSIDY JONES '11 DRAWS A LOT OF INSPIRATION from her parents and older sister.

"I have always been taught and shown how hard work is the only thing that will get you somewhere and in the end it will pay off," she says.

Cassidy lives by those values, working since she was 16 to pay her way through college — and facing

loans when she graduates. Wanting to stay close to home, the Rustburg, Va., native found what she was looking for at Sweet Briar: A small school where she could pursue interests in "designing and building things" and play volleyball.

While working toward her Bachelor of Science in engineering, Cassidy has been a leader on the Vixen volleyball team for four years playing middle and outside hitter. On the court she is consistently among the top performers on both offense and defense. Competing in the tough Division III Old Dominion Athletic Conference, Cassidy was an honorable mention for the first and second All-ODAC teams in 2008.

Sports have always been a part of Cassidy's life and she feels it has helped shape who she is. She began playing volleyball at age 11. Her coaches have taught her many life lessons, especially accountability, she says. Another is "trying to find the

positives out of negatives," otherwise known as "no pain, no gain."

"Being places on time, putting motivation and hard work into everything to help influence those with less experience, being someone people can rely on to always give one hundred and ten percent and get the job done when it needs to be; being a leader on the court and off and having others look up to you really makes you evaluate yourself and focus on being a better person for you and them," she says.

Cassidy ran track at Rustburg High School and has been an assistant coach for the high jumpers since graduating. Now she enjoys being the one helping the younger girls make positive choices and strive to be their best.

"What they don't know is they are helping me too, because I have to be accountable to them so they have something to look up to."



## FROM SIDELINE TO Field

SAMANTHA BRITELL '11 DIDN'T PLAY SOCCER AT ALL her junior year at Sweet Briar. She was under doctors' orders to rest until she could have surgery to repair problems in both hips. The pain had begun in high school and progressed until it threatened permanent injury.

She hated not playing and spent the season on the bench filling with angry resentment when a teammate fussed about playing in the rain or that a blister hindered her play. One day the frustration brought her to tears.

"I was being completely selfish and unhelpful to the team, and looking back at that, I'm ashamed of myself," Sam says. So she made a choice. "If I couldn't play, then I could at least aid those who could."

The next day she threw herself into her duties as team manager, filling water bottles, taking stats, supporting players and staying near the coach to learn from his direction.

During that time, she says, "I was constantly reminded that soccer is not just a game that you play, but a position that you live; you constantly switch between defending yourself from things that will take away from you mentally and moving forward to a goal."

Her goal was to play again and on Aug. 19, 2010, Sam put on her



## BUSY SCHEDULE, Diverse Interests



ALEX ST. PIERRE PICKED UP A HOCKEY STICK for the first time in high school because her mother made her choose a team sport. Until then, all she wanted to do was ride horses.

Now the junior classical languages major from South Hamilton, Mass., considers it one of her mother's best parenting decisions. Sports, she says, have given her confidence and skill in competition and the ability to handle

herself with grace in both victory and defeat.

At Sweet Briar Alex is a midfielder on the Vixens field hockey team. She has been named to the Old Dominion Athletic Conference All-Academic team the past two years. She also is an Honors Scholar and this year's recipient of the Betty Bean Black and J.A. Moore scholarships.

She is combining her major with minors in music and biology. Each plays to her varied interests: The classics because she loves the ancient Greek and Roman cultures and grasps the intrinsic value of the major's encompassing nature; music because she loves to sing and "wanted a better understanding of music on the whole — both its theory and practice"; and biology because she's also completing pre-vet requirements.

Rather than competing against one another, she finds the pace and variety of

her commitments keep her focused, especially during hockey season. "I often find that I have more free time in season because it dictates that the schedule of my day be carefully planned," she says.

"Another advantage to having multiple interests is that I can never claim boredom. When I get tired of reading about the rise of the Roman Empire, I go and hang out with my horse. When I'm sick of smelling like a barn, I dress up and sing opera in the chapel and when I'm ready to compete again I head out to the field."

That doesn't mean Alex doesn't sometimes think about homing in on one thing. Before entering vet school, she's considering dedicating a year with her horse, Aidan, on the three-day eventing training circuit.

"I have never had the opportunity given my other commitments," she says. "It would be a fantastic opportunity to see how far I could go and how well we can perform when I work single-mindedly towards one goal — a very unusual circumstance for a Sweet Briar woman!"

"shinnies" and "boots" for the first time since midway through her sophomore season. "I've hit some bumps in the road this season due to the healing process, but I know that I can push my way through it, and that it's all about being in the right defensive position," she says.

Coach Kevin Fabulich saw the growth in Sam, an outside right back defender from Shady Side, Md. And she's helped him position the team for the future. "She is much more team focused, on and off the field," he says. "Last year she acted as my recruiting assistant and was instrumental in bringing in the biggest and best recruiting class SBC soccer has had."

While sidelined from the sport she's loved since third grade, life went on for Sam, who won this year's Rebecca Tomlinson Lindblom Award for excellence in philosophy and religion. She is double majoring in both disciplines. Since she was a little girl she's asked questions about faith, free will versus determinism, and "why people bicker over religions when they have the same idea about God."

She is thinking about pursuing a doctorate in religion with a focus on Christianity and interfaith dialogue. She wants to have that conversation "whether or not everyone else wants to," she says.






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## HAPPY RETURNS Reunion Weekend 2010

THIRTY-EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1960 attended their 50th reunion with unmatched enthusiasm. On Saturday, they were recognized with the Nancy Dowd Burton Award, having contributed the largest unrestricted Annual Fund gift during the reunion year. They also received the Centennial Award, recognizing the class with the largest total giving to all funds of the College since their previous reunion celebration. With the highest participation in Annual Fund giving among classes celebrating their 25th through 50th reunions, 1960 received the Participation Award as well.

THREE HUNDRED TWO ALUMNAE RETURNED TO CAMPUS for the celebration of Reunion 2010. During the wellness-themed weekend, President Jo Ellen Parker joined alumnae for an intense Nia workout, Fannie Zollicoffer Mallonee '80 led a yoga class and the Fitness and Athletics Center was open for racquetball, tennis, swimming, jogging and more. Other offerings included an art exhibition by Jill Steenhuis '80, a book club with writer-in-residence Carrie Brown, an introduction to Facebook with Professor Lisa Johnston and more.

At the Reunion Celebration Luncheon, Elvira McMillan Tate '65 was recognized as the 2010 Outstanding Alumna, having served as a leader for the Atlanta Alumnae Club, a faithful attendee of alumnae events, a member of the board of directors and a tremendous supporter of the College's initiatives in many areas. Awards were given to recognize several classes, in particular the Class of 1960, celebrating its 50th reunion.

Perhaps one of the most notable events, one that doesn't occur each year, was the ring game, played by the Class of 1985 at their 25th reunion celebration dinner announcing Heidi Belofsky Turk's recent engagement to Dr. George Everly Jr. As twilight settled over the lake, a cheer went up from the boathouse deck when Heidi seized her ring.

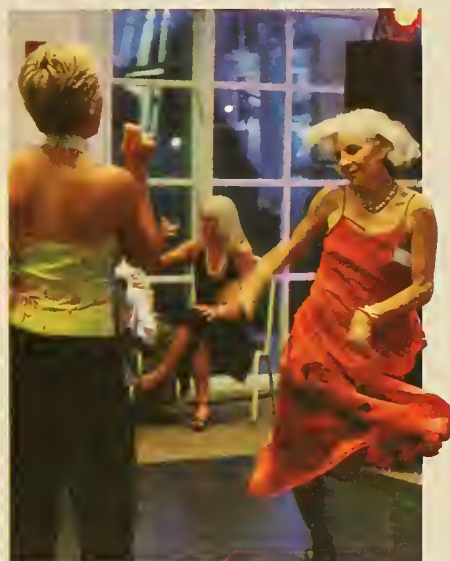
View the Reunion 2010 story in photos at  
[photos.halfpress.com/sweetbriarcollege](http://photos.halfpress.com/sweetbriarcollege).





THE CLASS OF 1985 celebrated its 25th reunion with a welcome dinner at the Boathouse. Twenty-three members of the class attended.

THE CLASS OF 1980 set a new record for the largest unrestricted gift to the Annual Fund at a 30th reunion. The class is recognized on the Reunion Giving Recognition Plaque in the Prothro Student Commons.



ON SATURDAY EVENING, alumnae danced to the music of the Jangling Reinharts.

PATTI POWELL PUSEY, Reunion Giving co-chair, accepts the Centennial Award for the Class of 1960 at Saturday's celebration luncheon.





THE CLASS OF 1990 won the Participation Award, recognizing the class with the largest percent participation in the Annual Fund among classes celebrating their 5th through 20th reunions.

PRESIDENT JO ELLEN PARKER stands with the 2010 Outstanding Alumna Award winner, Elvira McMillan Tate '65, and president of the Alumnae Association, Jennifer Crossland '86.



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2005 attended reunion dressed for the occasion.



HEIDI BELOFSKY TURK '85 slips on her engagement ring after a celebratory round of the ring game on Friday night.

#### Reunion 2010 Class Giving Accomplishments

Class Year	Reunion Gift (\$)	Class Participation (%)	5-Year Total Giving (\$)
1960	266,292	78	744,895
1965	101,286	71	484,622
1970	36,087	56	265,784
1975	71,595	64	159,345
1980	100,341	63	397,766
1985	21,027	36	67,362
1990	16,727	36	38,447
1995	11,958	28	36,915
2000	15,975	29	38,145
2005	4,177	19	17,254

#### Reunion 2010 Post-fiftieth Class Giving Accomplishments

Class Year	Reunion Gift (\$)	5-Year Giving Total (\$)	Lifetime Giving Total (\$)
1945	16,533	3,688,479	10,701,533
1950	15,398	129,051	4,343,032
1955	14,114	358,524	1,661,023



# The Private Work of Poetry

By CM Burroughs '04

My public life includes a variety of podiums, microphones and audiences — both in the performance of my poetry and in front of my creative writing students at the University of Pittsburgh. When I escape that public realm, I go home to the private work of poetry.

DEAR INCUBATOR,

At six months gestation, I am a fabrication born far too soon. My body, a stone in a steaming basket.

I remember you.

— [Figureless]

— A black kaleidoscope. Turn. Turn. The dangerous loom of the loom of you. Patterns pressing upon — me inside. Nothing luminous as my mother's womb. This second attempt at formation; a turn.

The nurse slides her wedding band past my hand, beyond my elbow and over my shoulder. I am 11lb. 12oz. and already feminine. Knowing nothing of it. I am trying to be clear —

I was first fascinated then afraid of the shapes' rise from your darkness. And their growth toward me. I wailed under their weight. My eyes were shuttered by lids. My skin was translucent; anyone could see me working.

How can I ask you from inside the poem — what senses did I have so early... So unformed. I was tangled in tubes (that kept my heart pumping; that kept my lungs from collapsing; food to the body; oxygen to the brain.)

You are everything and nothing.

A surrogate. A packaging of half-made sensory detail; a past.

I have scars on my belly in shapes of fish... Where sensors tore thin skin. What a tragedy to be powerless. And yet, I controlled the choreography of everyone around me (the check of vitals; arms through the arm ports; my parents' speech; also, there were surgeons.)

I am trying to tell you something important. About after they opened you and took me out. I was infected. Could command nothing of my legs. For years.

The surgeons, thin blades shining into nothing. Imagine the cuts — blood spread along the lip of each, spilling as my skin parts. Someone bringing cotton to catch it.

Is it your fault? I don't know. I was in a state, I've explained. I don't know what you let in... Perhaps. Do you know lovers ask about these scars. Touch these raised scars.

So much has happened. I'm black. I have a dead sister. I love you, but, and believe this, I mostly want to talk.

"Dear Incubator" is the first poem in my manuscript, "The Vital System," and the poem from which my poetic obsessions unfold. I wrote the poem because there seemed something missing from the mythology of my manuscript — a catalyst, a story that provided a reason for all the manuscript's other stories. Immediately, I knew I needed to investigate my beginning — the incubator — the character that appears in my imagination as both captor and creator.

I was born weighing 1 pound 12 ounces, three months premature, then thrust into an other womb. (I stress *other* in order to denote the incubator's foreignness.) For this poem, imagery was my first tool/nag/reflex. The image that began my first draft was "a stone in a steaming basket," and it possessed texture, activity and tension. Most important, it was a metaphor that provided a tonal anchor for the poem, and gave me a means of thinking about the body and birth. From that image forward, I experienced the rather normal impulse to evoke the stories I'd been told of my birth.

However, it is within that instinct that my personal aesthetic comes to stage. As an experimental poet, I resist conventional "story." What matters more is the brevity of language, disruption of regular syntax, cinematic imagery, and my particular obsession with exposing tension. Because my own story was interrupted — by an untimely birth (oh, I love that phrase) — I had to allow the poem's story to experience interruption, as well. The incubator, that artificial workshop for my body, had to be shown, but it also had to be dissected and opened into the wedding ring being pushed over my shoulder, shapes of fish imprinted into my skin, scars that lovers would touch. In other words, I needed to explore the narratives of my birth moment, but that exploration had to open a doorway to the stories' larger significance — the experience of suffering and the absolute necessity to examine and discuss suffering.

Over a long pack of hours, and a few revisions thereafter, the poem came to be what it is now. A mythology, a doorway in. "Dear Incubator" was published by Runes literary journal in 2007 and nominated for a Pushcart Prize in 2008.

Of all the gracious experiences that have ever happened to me — discovering poetry, becoming a poet, falling in love — I have valued them most because they were surprises. Buried somewhere in my system and sparking, but surprises nonetheless. I could not have imagined this life when I arrived at Sweet Briar in 2000. I wouldn't have wanted to know it then ... I might even have been afraid in the face of all this freedom.



P E R S P E C T I V E

## 1935

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Wonderful things continue to happen at SBC. President Parker has created a blog where she posts something each week. Sometimes it's about a particular student, a faculty member or an interesting bit of news. Visit [blog.president.sbc.edu](http://blog.president.sbc.edu). You'll find it fascinating.

Last week, we took our folding chairs, a cooler and nibbles, and went to see summer theater performance of "Hamlet" at Sweet Briar. Some people went early and took a picnic. The show was held at the old dairy barn. It was a grand scene as the sun went down and night came on. The play itself was beautifully done, the lead being played by a young man from Bucknell U.

Our dear friend, **Barbara Freking**, died last year in Greenwich, CT. Another sadness was the death of Bunny Barnett Brown '49, who did such an excellent job as editor of our Alumnae Magazine in the late '80s. Her husband, Walter, was chairman of our board for a time. They chose SBC as their final resting place, so I attended last month. The service was in the Chapel with

burial on Monument Hill in the Columbarium. What a beautiful setting it was.

Bless **Bobbie Engh Croft** and **Edie Brainerd Walter** who stay in touch. Bobbie sent a wonderful picture of her with her sister, Jean Engh Lyncan's children ('41). She's still gorgeous, has the figure of a teenager, and reports that she's adjusting to a new life without Crosswell. Edie stays busy with 2 book clubs, bridge and taking care of house and yard. She made a comment with which all of us can relate, more and more of our friends aren't able to get around. Sad, but true, but how blessed we are that we're still hanging in there, alive and kicking.

While you are reading this, take out pen and paper and send me a note! All of us want to hear from you! Love always to all.

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I, Dale, have been overcome and overjoyed by your responses. Helping Julie, who has written our news for many yrs., has delegated

to me a most rewarding job. The love of SBC and each other is alive and strong. 60 remain in our class and 16 have e-mail addresses. I tried to reach all of you. If any cards come late, we'll save for the next issue.

**Julie Mills Jacobsen**, Washington, D.C., **Mary Haskins King**, Greensboro, N.C. and **Anne Dickson Waldrop**, Salem, VA, attended our 65th Reunion in May. Julia's old friend, Clark McCartney, drove her down and back and made sure that the 3 got to everything in one piece. They adopted him into the class of '45; and they elected me Class Secretary with help from Julia and Mary Haskins. Dickie was unanimously elected Class President. They hope to return for our 70th and encourage all of us to join. They met our new President, Jo Ellen Parker, and agreed that we have a winner with a vision. They announced **Peggy Jones Wyllie** and late husband Jesse Wyllie have given \$3 million to SBC as an endowment in support of the engineering program, which the Coll. named for her. It's the 1st named academic program in the Coll.'s history. (Check out the summer 2010 issue, Alumnae Magazine). Julie's electric scooter got stuck in wet grass, but security rescued her. She asks that we all get our acts together; bring our walkers, canes, scooters, wheelchairs or whatever and plan to return in '15. We might even have a mini reunion sooner.

**Mary Haskins King** had a great time and plans to return for our 70th! The campus was as beautiful as ever. The choir, made of returning alumnae for their particular yr., sounded professional. They were the oldest ones there and were treated with kid gloves. She couldn't imagine how they'd have gotten along without Julie's friend. On returning home, she had hip surgery, planned but put off until after Reunion. She got along initially, but then developed a clot in her leg. A piece got loose and went to her lung, which put her back in the hospital in CCU for 5 days. What a fiasco; but she's recovering.

**Cappy Price Bass** and Bruce are still in their house after 45 yrs. She no longer plants her vegetable garden, but picks an abundance of vegetables for their table. She has a great-grandson. When she visits her daughter in Baltimore she sees Lovah Wilcox Gearhart in assisted living. She lost her husband some time ago. Talking to her made me forget the time elapsed since our last meeting.

**Wylene Chapman Saylor** and husband Henry (my brother) still live in St. Petersburg; 2 sons live in St. Pete, another across the state and one in Atlanta; they get together often. She has 4 great-grandchildren and 2 more due in Sept. She retired her tennis racquet last spring. Henry, almost blind, never misses biking each wk with his group at the gym. She delivers Meals on Wheels

and volunteers at the Salvation Army. She lost brother Alvah Chapman last yr. He and wife Betty built 2 fantastic centers and started Community Partnership for the Homeless in Miami, which is going nation-wide. Betty continues their work.

**Lile Tucker Bell**, Richmond, VA is doing well at 88. She's been at Westminster-Canterbury Retirement Comm. in Richmond for 3 yrs. She has her health and uses a cane only for stability. She has 3 daughters and their families plus friends in Richmond. Her activities are: book club, movies, meals and sociability; also 4 great-grand kids.

**Leila Barnes Cheatham**, Griffin, GA, said, "Doesn't everyone need help? Therapists are bothersome, taking up time. She knows better than to climb mountains with switchbacks. She's resisting protection from the cradle to the grave as her mother did until 98, but says better not brag too soon. She rattles around in her 1896 4-floor ancestral home.

**Betty "Zu" Zulick Reuter**, Towanda, PA, writes at 87, life is a bit slower. She had a hip replacement this yr., can't do her daily 1.5 mi. walk yet. She enjoys bridge, grandchildren and 2 great-grandkids; they also play for singing at a skilled nursing unit. She ends with "We're both happy!"

**Ellen Gray Wilson**, Spokane, WA, and husband try to walk a mi. a day, half in AM and half in PM. They're in good health and enjoy family, children and grand kids. They volunteer in efforts to keep friends moving, as in walking to and in the park.

**Edie Page Gill Breakell**, Roanoke, VA, writes that 11th grandchild arrived in Mar. and the oldest is being married in Sept. Missed Reunion because a trip to Hilton Head conflicted. She gave up piano, golf and tennis, but can play bridge, travel and enjoy family. She went to the Garden Club of Virginia's Daffodil Show at SBC in Apr.; it was beautiful.

**Jane Clarke Morrow**, Louisville, KY, said one of her best memories was visiting **Frances Matton Luckett** at SBC in the spring '45 when World War II ended. They blew the steam whistle in the laundry to let all know. Such excitement! She's lived in her house for 56 yrs., with a huge collection of treasures, "stuff" to anyone else. She works on throwing things away, but hard to do. She uses a cane. She cherishes her 1 yr. at SBC.

**Hedy Edwards Davenport**, Lookout Mountain, TN, is well and healthy at 87, grateful to be busy. She was headed to Spoleto so missed Reunion. She returned from Aspen, CO, and its music festival, a welcome relief from the heat. She sees **Hilda Hude Chapin** and **Sarah Temple Moore** often. In Aug., she's taking 45 of her family to the Broadmore biking in CO Springs for a family get-together.

## Classmates Want to Hear from You!

To submit notes, send your news to the secretary listed. If your class doesn't have a secretary, send news to Colleen Murray, magazine editor, at [cmurray@sbcc.edu](mailto:cmurray@sbcc.edu) or PO Box 1056, Sweet Briar, VA 24595. The magazine is also happy to accept high quality, digital or print images depicting your class' mini reunions, weddings and new arrivals.

Secretaries may submit notes for every issue of the magazine and will need to receive your news before the following deadlines:

Spring '11 Magazine: February 1, 2011

Fall '11 Magazine: August 1, 2011

Update your e-mail and home addresses with the alumnae office ([alumnae@sbcc.edu](mailto:alumnae@sbcc.edu) or 434-381-6131) to be sure you are receiving all of your secretary's correspondences. Class secretaries are volunteers elected by their class and are responsible for the accuracy of the notes.

Finally, mark your calendars for Reunion Weekend 2011, May 20 – 22, celebrating class years ending in a one or a six.



## Dianna Yaeger Rankin '66 Directs Riding at The Madeira School

By Colleen Murray



Dianna Yaeger Rankin seemed destined to become a great rider, having spent her childhood on a thoroughbred horse farm in Maryland, with an uncanny knack for the saddle. As a child, she rode with the Green Spring Valley Pony Club, which prepared her for the kind of riding environment she found at Sweet Briar — a program with many opportunities to show and sharpen her skills. While earning her degree in English with minors in both French and history, she rode with the College's show team. Now, after many national and international successes in the saddle, Dianna has accepted the position of director of equestrian programs at The Madeira School in McLean, Va. The girls' boarding school has graduated such famous women as Katherine Graham, Frances Sternhagen and Alice Rivlin.

After graduating from Sweet Briar in 1966, Dianna earned her master's in teaching from Goucher College and went on to manage international equestrian centers in Maryland, Florida and Wisconsin. She also worked as assistant professor of equestrian studies at Stephen's College in Columbia, Mo.

In the showing realm, Dianna has ridden both hunters and dressage. She has trained, ridden and shown jumpers who won at the Washington D.C. International and the Pennsylvania National Horse Show and shows on the Florida circuit. She has been on the United States Equestrian Team in Dressage for two World Cups and one World Championship and was on the gold-medal winning U.S. team at the North American Championships. In 1987, Dianna took home the USET grand prix championship and was honored with the title of Team Master.

On the home front, Dianna is the mother of five children and grandmother of five grandchildren. She met her husband, Tom, while studying at Sweet Briar and enjoys biking, hiking and writing children's books. She and Tom have just moved to the 376-acre campus of The Madeira School overlooking the Potomac River. Working with three of her greatest passions — riding, horses and teaching — Dianna looks forward to a fantastic first year at Madeira.

**Mary Symes Anderson**, Woody Creek, CO, says she lives too far for SBC news, but keeps in touch with **Zu Zulick**, **Alice Gearhart Stinson** and **Diddy Gaylord Thompson**, her college roommates. She and her family are all happy and well.

**Jean Ridler Fahrenbach**, South Burlington, VT, is still travelling around the world, but will soon be finished with her "bucket list." This past spring she went to Israel and in the fall will go to Japan. It's been a hot summer in VT, but she enjoys boat rides on Lake Champlain with daughter Ann and husband. She can keep an eye on the boat as it's moored in front of her condo. Daughter Mary and husband have a new boat for her to try out when visiting in Aug. Son Rob and family, granddaughter Sierra (7) will visit in Aug. Her other granddaughter, Christina (22) finished her degree at VA Commonwealth U. in Richmond. Jean attends exercise classes 3 times a wk. If any classmates visit VT, please get in touch. She'd love to see you.

**Joyce Virginia Livermore Foust**, Ann Arbor, MI, wrote that husband Fred died in Nov., after 63 great yrs. together. She moved to an apt. across the street, near 2 of her children and many friends.

**Sarah Temple Moore**, Lookout Mountain, TN, is enjoying life at 87. She does what she can and not what she can't. She moves a little slower, watches her step, but still drives and has fun with

friends and the comings and goings of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her "Golden Oldies" group, Sat. lunch and gossip, includes **Hilda Chapin** and **Hedy Edwards Davenport**. She's still involved in the art world and has an interested buyer now and then to keep the "Home Fires" burning. She thinks often of the "old school days"! She and I had a visit 8 yrs. ago for her youngest son's wedding to a beautiful Savannah young lady.

2009 was sad and difficult for **Sadie Gwin Blackburn**, Houston, TX, who lost daughter Catherine in Jul. and her husband of 63 yrs. in Aug. Her 2 sons and their families have been wonderful towers of strength. She remains semi-active in her community. **Sadie Gwin** was President of The Garden Club of America in 1989 to 1991 and I had the pleasure of seeing her many times in NY and other GCA meetings, as well as GCA Flower Shows in other cities. She's another outstanding GCA lady.

**Margaret Swann Norris**, Nashville, TN, retired 12 yrs. ago. She's unable to travel because her husband (90) isn't well. She has 6 grandchildren ages 30 to 6 yrs.

**Virginia Osborn McNabb's** daughter, Lisa Adkins, wrote that her mother has Alzheimers in the last stage, but she's happy. She still lives in her home with 24-hr. care.

**Amanda E. Hamblett White**, Madisonville, KY, said that an ice storm last

winter destroyed all the trees on 22 acres of her land, but happy news was the wedding of her 2nd grandson.

**Nancy-Ellen Feazell Kent**, Hilton Head Island, SC, spends her time between Hilton Head and Marietta, GA. She's planning a big Christmas with 4 new stockings for 4 new arrivals!

**Betty Gray**, Willoughby, OH, still has all of her joints and all of her own teeth. Living in a retirement community keeps her moving. She's given up driving and travelling.

**Mary Kathryn Frye Hemphill**, Hickory NC, says she "has been there and done that" — knee and hip replacements — and was blessed with caregivers and children. She can no longer do physically what she'd like. She's spending the summer at her home at Grandfather Lodge and Country Club, Linville, NC.

**Amanda Parsley Worth**, Raleigh, NC, said that reading my card and writing one was pretty much of a triumph. She still knits, walks, cooks and reads, but more slowly. Her 3 children live there and they and their children are computer literate. She says it's all "Greek" to her! George is in the building business; Margaret is a nurse at Wake Rehab; and Amanda works with professors at NC.

**Mary Herbert Taylor**, Columbia, SC, wrote that she and husband Edmund are lucky beyond measure. He still plays tennis every day at 94. She's still keeping house, although it may be the house keeping her. They walk 2 mi. every morning and stay interested in many things. One recent project has been a stream and wetlands restoration that turned out well and received lots of notice. They're concerned about the environment, and its many aspects. They've worked particularly on land banks and easements.

**Frances Matton Luckett**, Louisville, KY, is in a new nursing home in Louisville, since having a major stroke 10 yrs. ago. She's been in therapy since, but can't travel. She may not see SBC again, but she has her happy memories.

I've already told you about myself. Although 86, I'm still moving as fast as I can. I have been widowed for 8 yrs. 2 knees and a hip replacement keep me from gardening, but haven't deterred me from other activities such as garden club; Colonial Dames; local, state and national politics. I may not always be heard, but I'm vocal. I read, both fiction and non-fiction; love to needlepoint; play bridge; attend church; keep up with events at our Art Museum, special programs at theaters, and attend other noteworthy events. I hope that is the secret to keeping the mind from becoming rusty. I still drive, very carefully. I'm blessed with friends who fill my social life. My 2 sons, Philip and Henry, and their families (wives and 4 grandchildren) live in Savannah. Daughter Diane and husband Dick Viall live in Sewickley, PA. They each have 3 children; all are married and are scattered over the globe. Diane and Dick are both retired from the travel business. They spend their winters, Nov. to Apr., in Patagonia, Argentina, to escape the snow and sleet. You've been so appreciative of my contact, but, believe me, I thank you

## CLASS NOTES

sincerely for your response. You've brought me joy. Keep in touch and may those not heard from please send news for our spring issue. My best wishes and love to all of you.

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**Caroline Casey McGehee Lindemann Brandt** married Paul Edwin Brandt on 5/11/10. Her marriage was far too short since Mr. Brandt died on 6/30/10. However, Carolyn says the picture was taken on the happiest day of her life, so here it is. Perhaps the lesson for all of us should be to seize the day no matter how short.

**Margaret Towers Talman, Libby Trueheart Harris and Kitty Hart Belew** participated in Mr. Brandt's funeral service at Westminster Canterbury in Richmond where a large number of alumnae reside. It must've been a great comfort to Caroline to have old friends with her at a very sad time. I'm sure the rest of us extend our deepest sympathy.

**Kitty Hart Belew** says **Bunny Barnett Brown's** memorial service in the SBC Chapel was very nice. She and **Margaret Towers Talman** journeyed to SBC from Richmond for the service and the interment in the columbarium on Monument Hill. **Alice Trout Hagan**, Bunny's first cousin, also attended as did **Carolyn Cannady Evans**, **Flip Eustis Weiner** and **Judy Easley Mak**. **Libby Trueheart Harris** couldn't attend because as she wrote to me, she's just not that mobile. She zips through the hallways at Westminster Canterbury on her motor chair, however, and manages to attend grandchildren's nearby graduations.

Now we'll shift to new beginnings. **Larry Lawrence Simmons** started a new business called Lawrence Lines, a poetry on-demand service for people who need clever jingles for celebrations such as weddings, birthdays, promotions, christenings, bar mitzvahs etc. You can look up her company on the internet at [www.lawrencelines.com](http://www.lawrencelines.com) and get a taste of her clever lyrics.

**Mary Fran Brown Ballard** journeyed to Ann Arbor, MI, for her grandson's graduation from the U. and heard President Obama deliver the graduation address in the football stadium.



There are many other grandchildren graduating from assorted colleges these days including those of **Caroline Casey Brandt** and **Preston Hodges Hill**.

**Sally Meicher Jarvis** returned to St. Andrew's, Scotland, in Jun. for her granddaughter's graduation. Ten family members attended. Sally spent her junior year at St. Andrew's. There, she met her husband, John Jarvis, who died in 11/09 after a long distinguished career as headmaster of schools in Philadelphia and Lancaster, PA. John would be happy to know that his granddaughter, Emily Gerber, spent all 4 yrs. at St. Andrew's. The ceremony was full of pomp and color and she enjoyed sharing happy memories with the other grandchildren who attended. Beth Jansma's daughter, Bibi Dutry, also came to the celebrations before setting off to climb Ben Nevis.

**Sue Corning Mann** and **Hank** spent their summer vacation on Block Island. **Betsy Brown Bayer** is on Martha's Vineyard. **Ann Henderson Bannard** and **Yorke** sought relief from the Tucson heat in NM.

Phil and I will be gathering our children and grandchildren at Squam Lake, NH, for a week in Aug., where we'll renew acquaintance and spirits. It's getting more difficult to gather the group as grandchildren grow older and more independent.

When you read this, summer will be long gone, but you can reflect on languid warm days and enjoy whatever it is you're doing. At our advanced age, we should be living life to the fullest.

## 1951

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Thanks to you all for your messages. I heard, sadly, that Diane Richmond Simpson died on 6/29/10. I sent the information to the class by e-mail and U.S. mail and hope everyone was notified.

**Mona Simpson Beard:** I had an elegant luncheon with Jo Ellen Parker and 7 others. SBC is fortunate to have a leader of such capability and insight. I'm well, but busy! I'm trying to maintain my former friends and volunteer and make new friends and participate here in this fine community across town.

**MJ Eriksen Ertman:** I've put 5/20-22/11 on the calendar, and hope to attend the Reunion. Can you believe it's 60 yrs.? My news is about family graduations. Three granddaughters have graduated this spring: Kit from GWU, Thalia from h. s. in MD, and Hannah from h. s. in WA. Kit is going to China for 2 yrs. with the Peace Corps; Thalia to USC; and Hannah to Grinnell. Gardner and I enjoy life at Brookhaven. This morning we heard a talk by E. O. Wilson (fellow resident) about his novel, "Anthill." I've been practicing tonight for a recital by the residents here, a few pianists and 2 flutists. My clarinet-playing neighbor, Ren, is hiding out in VT, but maybe we'll play next yr. or for a chapel service. It was fun to practice my Schubert invention and more fun to play through a few Bach inventions from yrs. past (not to perform in public).

**Susan Taylor Hubbard:** I'm looking forward to our 60th! My big news is that I have a new bicycle! A Schwinn, no less!

**Sue Lockley Glad:** It looks like we will make it to OR this summer. We look forward to a quiet summer except for the wk of Aug 1-7, which is the date for the family (and dogs!) to be there. I hope to get back to playing golf and even tennis while Ned hopes to make progress with walking.

**Jean Graham "Randie" Randolph" Bruns:** I had a second knee replacement 6/24/10 and doing well, perhaps better than last time. Thank goodness I only have 2 knees! Or is it 4, or 2 original and 2 fake?! I plan another winter in Seagrove, FL, at my son's townhouse beginning in early Dec. That was very pleasant last winter, with daughter Mary just down the road and lots of in-laws nearby. How the beach will be remains to be seen. It's between Panama City and Fort Walton, just east of the little tarted-up new Victorian development called Seaside.

**Carolyn Sample Abshire:** Hard to believe we're 60 next yr! Our news is much the same: David working as President of the Center for the Study of the Presidency & Congress (CSPC) in Washington. We're still in our Old Town, Alexandria home. Gardening, volunteering and walking our almost 14 yr. old Cairn, Sophie, endlessly and trying to stay fit, endlessly. Happily, 2 of our 5 children are nearby; the others in FL and WA, so lots of planning for visits and joint travels. Nancy Pesek Rasenberger and I get together often. Best wishes to everyone.

**Lynne McCullough Gush:** Business is somewhat slow due to summer doldrums and uncertainty in the off-shore oil patch where many of my patrons are involved. In Feb., I acquired a staph infection in the left leg, misdiagnosed for 3 wks. It was a minor accident at the Dog Park. Fired that doctor, found another, had antibiotic IV, etc. and was back at ballet class in Apr. What next? Kensington Weimaraner is lovely and charming on all occasions. Piano playing is going well, as is the garden despite our freeze, but then the weather is always quite mad.

**Kae Fretz:** I live in VT with my 2nd husband in a retirement community. It's a pleasant place, but it's filled with old people! We're well but a bit forgetful. I celebrated my big 80 in Jun. by renting an apt. on the Jersey shore near home and was joined there by assorted kids and grandkids — gorgeous weather, great swimming. Perfect. I cherish my year at SBC.

**Julie Micou Eastwood:** My daughter Libby and I, after visiting my brother and his family in NJ, had a pleasant drive down the Shenandoah Parkway to Warm Springs for several days with **Jean Graham "Randie" Randolph Bruns** ending with a wonderful dinner concert at the Garth Newell Music Center. The camera club keeps me busy with Gallery shows here in Rossmoor. Dick and I enjoy swimming, reading and watching the world go by from our patio.

**Patty Lynas Ford:** We have 2 new additions to our family: our new great-grandson, Tristan, in Leesburg, VA, and our other daughter's gorgeous new harpsichord, the sound board of which she

## Mary Witt '74 Sets High Goals as President

By Colleen Murray



Twenty years ago, a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Medicine met **Mary Witt '74** and saw her potential for leadership and her talent for reaching out to others. Dr. David Strider became a mentor for Mary, encouraging her involvement on UVA's Medical Alumni Association Board. Because of that friendship and Mary's dedication to the board's goals, she was recently named the first woman president of the alumni board, whose medical school is ranked 25th in the nation.

Mary's term as president spans from April 2010 through the academic year, for which she has high hopes.

"There are three goals of the association, and my personal goal of the three is scholarships," Mary says. "Last year, \$800,000 in

scholarship funds were given to students, and I want to focus on that." Throughout the year, Mary will lead the association's mission to increase fundraising for these scholarships, grow participation in the board's activities, and work with students and medical school faculty.

Mary's career in medicine began at Sweet Briar, where she majored in psychology and worked at a camp during the summer for children with medical needs. After graduation, she went directly to medical school at UVA and became a pediatric endocrinologist. She worked in a private practice before later taking a position with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Richmond, Va. As a case management medical director, Mary helps others through the difficulties of managing healthcare.

"In private practice, you don't have as much time as you'd like with the patients," Mary says. "I didn't like having to churn out numbers. In Richmond, I had the opportunity to find other ways to use my profession. What's been nice is that we all knew healthcare was evolving. I always enjoyed working with my fellow physicians toward healthcare change, and Blue Cross gave me the opportunity to do that."

Beyond scholarships, the alumni association educates medical students on finances, private practice and financial giving. It also hosts functions that strengthen relationships between graduates.

"What I love most is the opportunity to develop friendships with others whom I wouldn't have known otherwise, with graduates of all ages and from all over the country," Mary says.

Mary also has served as president of the SBC Richmond Alumnae Club and on her Reunion Gifts Committee. She cherishes the friends she made at Sweet Briar as a student, living in Reid Hall and the Boxwood Inn, and the memory of the Sweet Tones caroling through the halls at Christmastime.

painted as well as other hand-crafted decorative features. Both baby and instrument are lovable, in different ways! Tristan coos in his way and the harpsichord makes gentle music. We're looking forward to seeing the paintings from the Musée d'Orsay in San Francisco soon. We've enjoyed our various fruit crops this summer and watched the gray fox make its unwelcome visits to the raspberries. Please remember to mark your calendars for 5/20-22/11 for our festive 60th!

## 1952

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Our class is still thriving as many of us mark our 80th birthdays. **Pat Beach Thompson** celebrated a 2-day affair orchestrated by her children. Pat admitted she too was involved in advance preparation, as there were about a dozen family members staying overnight. But a sumptuous dinner at the Westchester Dinner Theater preceding the perform-

ance was a surprise.

**Joanne Holbrook Patton** earns top honors as most diligent correspondent. I'm especially grateful for all the news she has passed along to me. I've always relied on the advice to ask the busiest person when you want something done. She never disappoints! Joanne hosted her annual picnic at Green Meadow Farms in July. President Jo Ellen Parker and VP for Development Heidi McCrory were among the attendees, as well as our classmates **Grace Wallace Brown**, **Pat Beach Thompson** and **Calvin**, **Martha Legge Katz** and **Bill**, and **Edith Marsh Fonda**. Joannie has scheduled a trip to KY in Aug. to visit the Patton Museum for the last ever reunion of her father-in-law's WWII Armored Division. She'll stay at reunion headquarters in Louisville, and has a lunch date with **Louise Kelly Anderson**. After being a widow for 7 yrs., Louise married again about 3 yrs. ago. Not all the weddings I get to report are those of our children and grandchildren! In Sept., Joanne is going to the Netherlands, where Dutch Utopia, an exhibit of Impressionist-era artists who painted in Holland in the



late 1880s, will include the work of Joanne's grandmother, Anna Stanley.

Another world traveler is **Florence Fitch Patton**, who has held many leadership positions with the DAR, and is now the DAR National Chairman of Units Overseas, which oversees 24 chapters in 12 countries. Florence will be traveling to chapters from Australia to Spain. Early this year I went to Africa, specifically, Morocco. I'm not a safari type — I prefer urban amenities! My admiration for the country's beauty was diminished by the sight of so many men sitting in cafes wearing jeans and trainers, while the women performed arduous tasks despite being wrapped up from head to toe.

As long as we are able, we stay active. **Ann Whittingham Smith** plays badminton, bridge, and the piano (after a 30-year hiatus). **Janis Thomas Zeanah** supports the arts in a volunteer capacity, after years of working in university media relations and publications. **Sally Gearhart**, who maintains a busy schedule of music, exercise, and community involvement, reminds us to ask Netflix for a rental copy of the 1977 documentary *Word Is Out*, which featured a vibrant 40-ish Sally speaking for gay and lesbian rights. 30 years later, Sally can take pride in having helped to initiate enormous changes.

Admittedly, we're moving around less nimbly. **Trudy Kelly Morron** wrote, "In a way, I planned for growing old. I talked to myself, was disorganized (relatively speaking), and otherwise displayed aged symptoms at an early age and drew attention to my bad habits by announcing that since I was already doing it, they couldn't blame it on old age. These symptoms did not include weight gain or creaky knees, however." Some of us are faring less well. **Mary Bailey Izard**, **Edith Marsh Fonda** and **Anne Garst Strickland** are failing. **Linda Brackett** is in rehab following a stroke. Nancy Hamel Clark has, I hope, fully recovered from back surgery. Some of us who are holding up relatively well, including **Pauline Wells Bolton** and Nancy herself, are caretakers of ailing spouses.

In my last message to you all I promised to report the accomplishments of children and grandchildren. **Pat Beach Thompson's** son Alexis (46) is to be married in fall for the 1st time, and her daughter Jennifer, at 47, just finished her law studies. Anne Hoagland Kelsey has children and grandchildren all over the continent: a granddaughter at Dartmouth, and sons at Belmont Hill School in Wellesley, MA, 3 others in Avon, CT, and her husband's daughter and grandson in Boulder, CO. Now Anne gets to stay in her own homes in FL and CT, and let the 4 families visit her. **Leila Booth Morris's** grandson was to be married in NC this summer. Elizabeth, daughter of **Catherine Kinnear Train**, is the 3rd generation Navy rear admiral in the family — indeed, the 4th generation rear admiral, counting Catherine's grandfather, a Marine rear admiral. **Benita Phinizy Johnson's** son William is teaching at Duke, and her son Stewart lives in Durham, so all her children are now nearby. My daughter Cathy returned to school a few years ago for a master's in social work and now works in hospice care.

Now, go back to the top of this column, check my e-mail and home addresses, and write a note to bring me up to date, so that we can all enjoy your news.

## 1953

### Florence Pye Apy

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They say "no news is good news," but that defeats the purpose of this column. I'm therefore grateful to those of you who have responded to my requests to hear what you are doing.

**Patti Tighe Walden** is returning from Las Vegas, NV, to reside in Hightstown, NJ, near her childhood home in Princeton, NJ. Prior to her move, however, her daughter, Emily, underwent successful surgery for cardiac ablation. Liz, another daughter, is a psychiatric nurse practitioner on the Big Island in HA, where she runs a school for addictions counselors. Patti and family are moving east by plane and truck. Most, but not all, of the pets will come by truck. As she suggested, her narration was reminiscent of the Beverly Hillbillies. Lest you wonder, Patti opted for the plane. She hears from **Caroline Miller Ewing** and **Mary Littlejohn Belser** that all is well with them. **Edie Norman Wombwell** and George visited Patti on their way to visit their sons in CA. Edie and George divide their time between Vail, CO, where they're involved in the summer music festival, and Louisville, KY, Edie's childhood home. Edie and George marked their 50th wedding anniversary at the May graduation of their oldest granddaughter, Allie, from Rhodes Coll. (formerly Southwestern U.) in Memphis. A history major, Allie managed to find a job in D.C. in 3 days! A family celebration of the anniversary was planned for later in the month and a Mediterranean cruise in Sept. for just Edie and George.

**Katzy Bailey Nager** and C.J. still play tennis several times a week with opponents who are "aging as we are" (for which she is "grateful"). Early mornings are frequently spent kayaking (Katzy) and sculling (C.J.). The 4th of July was spent entertaining 75 friends to watch the fireworks from their home. She attributes their sudden popularity to the good view they offer from across the lake. More notably they have also started a book distribution program in their local elementary school, which she describes as an "inner city school in the country." She and C.J. spend many evenings reviewing large quantities of children's books, which they order from Scholastic Press. Three times a year students can each select their own new book, which, as Katzy and C.J. suspect, may be the "only books some of them have at home." Certainly this is a noteworthy project which should be encouraged.

I phoned our prez **M. A. Mellon Root**. Her daughter, Francie, and **Maggie Graves McClung** and Dave's daughter, Fran, attended their SBC Class of '80 reunion together. M.A. sees **Jackie Lowe Young** frequently, as both are residents of Hilton Head Island, SC. Except for the fact that M.A. is impeded slightly

by macular degeneration, all is well in Hilton Head. Speaking of Maggie, she and Dave will have welcomed their 1st great-grandchild by the time you read this. Congratulations!

I received sad news from **Eleanor Johnson Ashby**. Eleanor's husband, Garrett, died in May. She reports that "he was doing very well with the chemo. In fact he was on a 6-wk. vacation from it when, on the 10th, he became violently ill and was gone at dawn on the 14th (one day after our 56th wedding anniversary)". Friends and family have been very supportive. She is fortunate that their daughter, Stuart, lives "just down the street." Eleanor is gradually putting her life back on track. In June, she attended grandson Max's graduation from the Taft School in CT. He plans to resume his studies at St. Lawrence U. Another grandson, Harrison, graduated this year and is following his sisters to the U. of North FL. Eleanor's traditional get-together to watch the 4th of July fireworks will go on as usual. **Nancy McDonald** will be among the attendees. A week later Eleanor and her daughter, Baba, who lives in CT, plan to drive north through the Hudson River Valley.

On a happier, personal, note: Chet and I welcomed our 9th grandchild, 5th grandson, on 6/14. Jackson George Apy weighed 9 lbs. 12 oz. and was 22 in. long. It appears that he and his 2 older sisters (3 and 5) will take after their 5'10" mother. Our son, Dean, flew east from LA with the 2 girls to attend his 20th Princeton reunion. We flew back with them to meet "Jack." The score is now even, with each son having 3 children. We don't expect any tie-breakers.

In the next issues of class notes we will be permitted to include photos of recent "mini-reunions, weddings, and births," etc. So get out your digital cameras and send me some pictures (with captions, of course). No delivery room snapshots please.

## 1954

### Bruce Watts Krucke

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The class sends sympathies and condolences to the family and friends of **Barbara Wilson Danielle**, about whom I have no details. And **Anne Sheffield Hale**, who died suddenly at the end of May of an abdominal aortic aneurysm. Dilly was nice enough to send me Anne's obituary from the *Americus, GA*, paper. What an accomplished woman Anne was! Her contributions to historical preservation are renowned, as was the family's generosity.

**Dallas "Dilly" Johnson Jones** is well and likes her new house in the Carlyle community where she's near old friends. Early in the year, Dilly and her daughter Louise hosted a lunch for the Atlanta alumnae to meet the new president, with whom they were very impressed. In spite of terrible weather, they had a great turnout of nearly 60 people, including **Anne Sheffield Hale** and **Shirley Poulson Broyles** from our class.

**Mary Jane Roos Fenn** is enjoying the summer in Williamsburg. Her next trip will be taking her twin granddaughters,

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whose mother is deceased, up to CT to visit their aunts, uncles and cousins.

It was nice to hear from **Joan Oram Reid** in England. Bob still works and she still does various volunteer things. As the historian for the Benjamin Franklin house, Joan meets many Americans among the tourists. Two of their sons live in Australia, so they visit every yr. The 3rd son lives nearby and has 3 sons also, one of whom loves playing golf with his granddad. Joan continues to enjoy her books, research, theatre, concerts and all the other events of London. She's even growing tomatoes and herbs on the balcony of their apt.! They still have their house out in Oxford, but they stay in London more.

**Mary Anne Bowns Bell** and Dan don't travel much anymore, but they're fortunate to live in a place that offers Broadway shows, opera, lectures given by famous people to do with politics, authors of books, broadcasters and more! She says John's Island is a wonderful club with good food, good friends, wonderful service, weekly movies, dinners, and sing alongs, full moon parties, wine tastings, etc. Sounds like a great place to live! They entertained the new president of SBC too. After the outstanding lecture at the museum, about 25 SBC couples came back to their house for drinks before going out to dinner.

**Ruthie Frye Deaton** and Hugo spent the last part of Jul. and early Aug. in Duck, NC, at the beach with their whole family — all 21 of them. Daughter Sarah has a house there, and they rent one next door too to hold all of them. Their "outstanding progeny" are David who is vascular surgeon and is chief of Endovascular Georgetown, that is when he's not circling the globe representing 2 manufacturers of surgical devices for aortic aneurysms. He and Lorraine live in Annapolis, MD, where she is a breast cancer surgeon. They have 2 of Ruthie and Hugo's 11 grandchildren. Then there are the identical twins. Sarah and Regg live in Old Greenwich, CT. They have 4 children (9 to 19). Barbara and Mark live in Winston-Salem, NC. They have 2 boys (4 and 10). Barbara works for IBM at her home office. Beth just moved from Iowa City to Cincinnati, OH, with husband Derek and their 3 boys (12, 10, and 6). Only 2 girls in the group of grandchildren.

Ruthie keeps up with **Ann Collins Teachout** as they compare recent foot surgeries. Ruthie thinks Ann's went better. Ann also recently had a knee replacement too. But that hasn't interfered much with their travels, which included FL and the Panama Canal, Yosemite twice, Lake Tahoe, the CA coast, and Cabo San Lucas. They've enjoyed several family gatherings too. Their grandchildren are also big travelers with one doing an internship in Zimbabwe, another a semester abroad in South Africa, and now in Japan, Korea, and Indonesia on mission trips. Ann and Bill are active in their church. Small world: Ann's granddaughter Elizabeth took courses in the music dept. of Wheaton Coll. where my husband's brother-in-law



teaches. Ann's granddaughter Wendy attends Wheaton. Wendy participates in Wheaton's HNGR program, a 6-mo. cross cultural experience, during her senior yr. It's a wonderful opportunity for young people to be exposed to other cultures and worlds so different from our own. Ann feels it will, without question, shape their lives.

**Nancy Maury Miller** sent news of her oldest grandson's wedding on Tybee Island, GA, overlooking the beach and ocean. The couple lives in WV. Nancy is in her 8th yr. of writing a weekly column, "On the Menu," for the Palm Beach Daily News. Her main hobby is collecting dolls and doll accessories. One of her favorite, recent craft projects was renovating an early 20th century doll house from the inside out, including replacing shingles and windows; removing and applying wallpaper; installing a staircase; making and putting in place white lace curtains, a lace canopy and skirt for a crib, rugs and other accessories. Besides painting the doll house inside and out (with trim), she created an outdoor landscape from various materials, a piece of plywood forms the base of the lawn. The house sits on a table with a swivel attachment, so the doll house rotates in a circle. She says it will always be a "work in progress," which adds to the fun. Nancy has photos of the house she'd be happy to send to anyone with an interest. It's hard for Nancy to travel since she has 3 cats. But she's happy and content to still be living in her house on a small lake in a retirement community in Boynton Beach, FL, getting together often with family and friends.

**Shirley Poulson Broyles** went to AK with Norris's children celebrating what they called a 50-80 party last yr. In fall '09, they also did an Athens to Dubai trip. They do their traveling in between graduations and marriages of grandchildren, with a trip to Budapest, Prague and London coming next. Shirley also sees **Merrill Underwood Bar-ringer** and Paul in Charlottesville and Hilton Head.

**Caroline "Kobo" Chobot Garner** wrote that last yr. was not good for her husband Thom, who had several problems after some small strokes and a diagnosis of early Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. A shunt was put in to help with pressure on his brain and it has improved his balance and walking. He had cataracts removed from both eyes. She called it the year of the doctor. They like they're home in Alexian Village in Signal Mountain, TN. Daughter Laurie is doing part-time marketing and promotional work for retail stores while her husband Bruce manages the Atlanta office of Transwestern Commercial Real Estate. Their children, Parker (18) and Caroline (12) are both in Holy Innocents Episcopal School. Kobo's son Gailor was called up to active duty to assist the mobilization of the local National Guard unit to go to Iraq, but he'll not go. He's a major and is the rear detachment commander. The deployment was to be a year, so he may already be back as ROTC recruiter at Liberty U. Their children are Thomas IV (12) and Clara (9). All four of the Garner grandchildren went to summer camps near Kobo.

My yr. started with shoulder surgery,

which turned out to be more complicated than anticipated. We went with friends on a river cruise in Eastern Europe in Apr. It was a terrific trip from Budapest to Bucharest with Grand Circle, whose ships and service are superb. But our trip was literally dampened by rain nearly every day, so the trips ashore weren't as spectacular as they might have been. We were struck by how the countries still haven't fully recovered from communism. Again this yr., we met my sister (Virginia '44) at North Topsail Island, NC, for a wk. in Jun. We've been doing this for years. It's a nice opportunity for our granddaughter, Lauren, to get to know her cousins from CA too. Lauren just returned from her 2nd yr. on a mission trip to Nicaragua, which she loved. Her dad, Carl, continues to enjoy his retirement and doing various things from computer work to carpentry for friends and friends of friends — his card reads Carl Can Do It. Kurt, the middle one, who is a professional Huntsman has moved to a new Hunt near Knoxville, the Tennessee Valley Hounds. John, the youngest, is tuning pianos and doing back up for bands all over the east coast, occasionally working with some big names.

You know you're sorry you didn't answer my email now, aren't you? Please email or write for the spring issue!

## 1955

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We begin with a sad note: **Ann Hodgkin Williams** died in mid-Jul. from lung cancer. We who live in Louisville miss her.

**Joan Broman Wright** and **Mary Ann Hicklin Willingham**, your Class Co-Presidents, have been conversing about our upcoming 55th Reunion and remembering our 50th with happy thoughts. It was truly a wonderful time. Wonderful that 40 of us were there, that we hadn't changed much and were still readily recognizable, that friendships were happily renewed, that those we hadn't known well 50 yrs. ago are now new friends and that we're eager to return for the 55th, hoping that those who were not there will be this time! Mark your calendars NOW for May 20-22, 2011! Don't take it from us that the 50th was fabulous. Let some of those who attended convince you that if you can possibly be at the 55th, you will not want to be anywhere else in the universe! Joan and Mary Ann attempted to communicate with everyone who was at the 50th to hear what they remembered as being especially outstanding. Apologies if they didn't succeed in getting your memoir.

Here's some of what they heard which we hope will have you at SBC in May enjoying it all!

**Barbara Darnell Clinton** enjoyed seeing people she hadn't seen in 50 yrs., thought the skit was fabulous and pleased with the changes at SB, but so glad the College still had its "look." **Jane Street Steele** loved seeing so many classmates! A highlight for her was our class "performance" and the talents that made it possible. She remembers that everyone was glad to be there to see each other and recall our experience at SB. **Nancy Howe Entenmann** remembers good visits with good friends and having fun singing on the stage just like our Senior Show. She's looking forward to seeing those from near and far at our 55th! **Frances Shan-nonhouse Clardy** loved seeing old friends and receiving a College update. Our conversation with **Bette Forbes Rayburn** was brief, but she says she'll be there in May! **Louisa Hunt Coker** has happy memories of seeing old friends and especially reuniting with the group she traveled to Europe with after her junior yr. She loved singing a song from the Virgins of Menace at the convocation, enjoyed walking the grounds and seeing that SB is as lovely as ever. **Nancy Salisbury Spencer** thought that the 50th was special and enjoyed connecting with old friends and catching up on their lives. She notes that sadly we've lost some dear friends and classmates since then, which makes getting together again more meaningful. **Kitty Harrison** says the 50th was special in every way, and that although she attended SB only 1 yr., it was such a memorable experience in her life. She's bringing **Sudie Shelton Moseley**, plans already made, and hopefully **Corky Lauter Murray** with her to the 55th! She has floods of wonderful memories of the girls who were at SB the yr. she was there and is ashamed of herself for not coming back more often. She loved our skit and the tee shirts we wore while listening to **Nancy St. Claire Talley's** wonderful words spoken on behalf of us at convocation as the introduction for our singing "A Career A Career" from our Senior Show. **Ann Greer Adams** remembers with giggles the ridiculous practice for our convocation musical performance for which **Ruth Philips Hollowell** so valiantly directed us. She also fondly remembers staying in Randolph again and having the smell of Boxwoods waft through the windows, sitting in the dining hall enjoying long conversations with old friends and **Jane Slack Sigloh's** (our Clergy person) part in the Chapel Service. **Helen Turner Murphy**, who accompanied Tayloe, was amazed that he knew almost everyone! (When in the Navy, Tayloe often came to SB to see Helen, spending many weekday hrs. in Commons chatting with whoever was there.) Helen remembers vividly the convocation and our silly skit. She adored the opportunity for long conversations with old friends at the leisurely breakfasts. **Karen Steinhart Kirkbride** and **Dick** plan to attend the upcoming reunion. They want us to ask them about the progress in their writing projects... Could the antics of our 50th be literary inspiration? **Nancy Ettinger Minor** just loved returning to SB for our 50th and

reconnecting. She and Raleigh had attended our 45th, and as "a one year wonder" felt very much included. Says that is the SB spirit and is so glad to be part of it. She encourages anyone and everyone to come to the 55th and says we're a heck of a lot of fun and very young. She's looking forward to seeing everyone at #55! **Catherine Lotterhos Mills** says everything was just fabulous and so much fun. She enthusiastically endorses the 55th as the perfect encore for the 50th! Some of **Nancy St. Claire Talley's** words at convocation quickly brought us back to 1956: "Before the pill, before equal pay for equal work, before something like now or an era ... ideas that were as ridiculous then as a real man on the moon ... before your father glowed with pride if you spoke of graduate school, medical school or law school; before you ever heard the four-letter words some children use today on the playground ... the unmarried were old maids at 23 and pitiable at 30 and most fathers given the choice would rather have had an MRS than an AB for his SBC tuition." Although our world is light years away from our time at Sweet Briar, the friendships, fun and great memories are irreplaceable. We're counting on you to be there May 20-22, 2011! Our 55th Reunion promises more fun filled happy times. See you there!

## 1957

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I asked everyone to write just 1 or 2 sentences about a pursuit that you're engaged in, which gives you a great deal of satisfaction.

**Caroline Blake Whitney:** Designing with nature. I cannot resist the beauty of the earth, plants and all her creatures. Garden design and maintenance is coupled with love of other outdoor activities for relaxation. Writing and painting porcelain both express these same passions.

**Joanne Bossert Thompson:** I volunteer in my church thrift shop once a week and also volunteer for Hospice.

**Patsy Buckley O'Brian:** I'm still involved with horses. I ride and drive almost daily and compete with a pair of small ponies. I don't jump anymore, but ride dressage on my horse.

**Martha Burnet Carlisle:** I've had Parkinson's Disease for 10 yrs. and have spent hours exercising, researching, and otherwise putting my body, mind, and spirit in the best possible



## CM Burroughs '04 Pushcart Prize Nominee

By Colleen Murray



**CM Burroughs '04** came to Sweet Briar in 2000 with a talent for poetry, nurtured throughout her childhood in Atlanta. At Sweet Briar, she found encouragement and inspiration in the natural beauty of the place and the people in it.

"... the space and the people of that space — Carrie and John Brown, Marcia Robertson, Cheryl Mares, Karl Tamburr, Eleanor Salotto, Constance Merritt, Jennifer Brice and Reetika Vazirani. They all had a hand in supporting my growth into myself," CM says. "I believe they knew the fullness of what I would become before I. Some of them have passed on, but they are no less with me than the others that are still engaged with the world."

After Sweet Briar, CM earned her Master of Fine Arts at the University of Pittsburgh, where she now teaches creative writing and continues to write poetry.

"The topics that I obsess upon are the female body, emotional and physical vulnerabilities and relationships between the self and others," CM says. "Currently, I'm writing away from the poems of my manuscript, 'The Vital System,' which in part investigated the external body, and attempting to explore the internal female body — its strivings, failings and variety of operations."

Since she left Sweet Briar, CM's poems have earned wide recognition. In 2008, her poem "Dear Incubator" (see pg. 35) was nominated for a Pushcart Prize. In 2009, CM was a finalist for the Gift of Freedom Award, sponsored by A Room of Her Own, a foundation supporting women artists and writers. Her poetry has been published in the journals Callaloo, jubilat, Ploughshares, VOLT, Bat City Review and Sou'wester. CM gives frequent readings in the city of Pittsburgh and has published a chapbook, "I, I, I."

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condition to keep the demons of disease at bay. I'm passionate about family — being involved in the lives of young folks who will lead us one day is compelling.

**Ann Bush Dunlap:** I've taken up fiddle and love the music and the characters who play it. Never knew there were so many kinds — old time, bluegrass, Celtic, jazz and all kinds of hybrids.

**Pat Chandler Burns:** For 7 yrs. I've been a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) for the Juvenile Court. We're assigned a child or children who are in foster care and make sure they're well cared for and don't "fall through the cracks." The volunteer position requires 30 hrs. of training; we report to the juvenile court judge.

**Betsy Colwill Wiegiers:** In May, we had a mini-reunion of 4 classmates in NYC — **Claire Devenor**, me, **Jackie Hekma Stone** and **Alice Cary Farmer Brown**. We had so many tales to tell and laughs to share that we drove every other patron out of the restaurant!

**Mary Harrison "Cookie" Cooke Carle:** I own a condo in Haverford. My contact info is: 264 W. Montgomery Avenue, #305, Haverford, PA 19041. Phone and e-mail (MHCarle@comcast.net) are the same.

**Tricia Cox Ware:** To escape the triple digit heat wave in Richmond I've stayed inside cleaning out drawers and closets. Exhilarating!

**Pat Davis Sutker:** I'm taking writing classes with the intention of completing a book of memoirs for my grandchildren

and find it very satisfying.

**Deborah Dunning:** I've replaced retirement with re-engagement and am having a great adventure helping manufacturers develop products that support human health and quality of life.

**Alice Cary Farmer Brown:** I serve on the board of The Winterthur Museum in Wilmington, DE, as chairman of the Garden Committee. Our mission is to continue to restore and to maintain Henry Francis du Pont's glorious gardens as his abiding passion was horticulture, and it is mine as well.

**Penny Fisher Dunklee:** John and I continue to laugh our way through life, while he writes wonderful philosophical historical novels and I learn about painting watercolor pictures and do photography.

**Pat Frawley Gates:** I take great pleasure in tending my reunion Sweet Briar rose. It's flourishing on the Eastern Shore of MD. Between watering and singing the school song to it, we're both surviving the draught and a very sad time in my life.

**Gay Hart Gaines:** My passion is Mount Vernon, George Washington's home. I represent FL on the board and am excited that we're finally building a presidential library for our 1st and greatest president. I'm chairing the Capital Campaign; we plan to raise \$100 million. It will be the most important library built in the 21st Century and possibly the most historically important building.

**Meriwether Hagerty Rumrill:** I dance as much as possible and am learning

the Argentine tango, very different and more challenging than the tango, which isn't hard to fake.

**Harriet Henderson Stubblefield:**

While being temporarily "sidelined" with polymyalgia rheumatica, I've had good results with my Canon camera and long lens at horse shows where our granddaughter is jumping. I'm an enthusiastic beginner at Ikebana.

**Jane Jamison Messer:** Am in MI for 6 wks. and planning a slumber Eeyore party for my 6 granddaughters with fun and games.

**Elizabeth Johnston Lipscomb:** I enjoy volunteering with young children, first at Miriam's House day care, a rehabilitation center for homeless women and their children, and now at the preschool at the Presbyterian Home and Family Services.

**Jini Jones Vail:** My passion for the past 5 yrs. is my book, a military history, or some call it a biography: "Rochambeau, Washington's Ideal Lieutenant, A French General's Role in the American Revolution." It will be published in fall 2010. Also, my new email address is: [jinivail@gmail.com](mailto:jinivail@gmail.com).

**Isa Mary Lowe Ziegler:** As I slowly retire from 4 boards (2 in San Francisco, 1 in Orinda, 1 regional), I'm finding pleasure in maintaining an old house and garden, old body, and an old husband. It's a wonderful stage.

**Virginia MacKethan Kitchin:** I've been a docent at the Chrysler Museum for over 30 yrs., off and on since the 60s. Was also a docent in Roanoke (Fine Arts Center), Charlottesville (Bayly of UVA), Westchester County, NY (Neuberger of SUNY Purchase) and NYC (Guggenheim).

**Kathleen Mather Koestler:** I volunteer as a nurse at HealthServe in Greensboro, a clinic for the uninsured. I help with vaccine clinics and referral work.

**Vicki Meeks Blair-Smith:** I spend much of my time in my self-appointed role as family genealogist. In sleuthing the more difficult branches of the tree, each teeny twig found becomes a monumental victory.

**Nita Mixson Cox:** I volunteer with Hospice and find it gives me balance and a sense of how precious life is. Afterwards, I come home to the hummingbirds in my garden.

**Evelyn Moore Rickert:** After 4 yrs. without my husband Ham Horton, I've found another wonderful man to spend the rest of my life with! I'm now **Evelyn Moore Horton Rickert**, Mrs. Robert Dale Rickert, same address: 760 Westover Ave, W-S, NC 27104, [ehortonrickert@triad.rr.com](mailto:ehortonrickert@triad.rr.com).

**Jane "Puss" Moore Banks:** I've been employed in the family business, now called assisted living, now my business, for 58 yrs. including h. s. summers. I'm currently in the process of making a seamless transition to 2 of my children, 1, the nurse directs the nursing program and my son takes care of the business side.

**Judy Nevins LeHardy:** I started taking piano lessons again 3 yrs. ago after nearly 50 yrs. I enjoy practicing (that is a switch!), but will never play as well as 4 of our grandchildren.

**Fleming Parker Rutledge:** I hope to finish my magnum opus within the

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next 12 mos., but it's a tedious slog. I love reading and sorting our 19th and 20th century family letters, and I've made some trips to VA to locate their houses and churches.

**Ann Pegram Howington:** I do mostly lil bitty stuff, the best sounding is as Garden Club of America horticulture judge. You get invited to a show to judge with nice people, most of whom know a lot more than I, and get nicely fed and watered.

**Gay Ramey Welmer:** My passions are keeping up with family and friends and doing primitive art, the wonderful Richmond Sweet Briar Book Club, improving my bridge skills and knitting prayer shawls for our church prayer shawl ministry.

**Debbie Von Reischbach Swan:** I'm still racing my 21' sailboat, love it. I teach ladies sailing, am on the race committee of our yacht club and on the committee for the lobster race this summer between Stonington, CT and Boothbay Harbor, ME.

**Ginny Robinson Harris:** It's a great joy to me to spend much time in our new, state of the arts, art center. Having been involved with the arts forever, and being a designer for interiors and exteriors, it's a joy to spend so much time in that space.

**Mary Blair Scott Valentine:** My passion besides my family is tennis. I play every morning at 6:00 a.m. with 3 men average age 88. They've brought such joy to my life. Also, the SBC '59 Book Club is a passion.

**Polly Space Dunn:** I'm working to improve my golf and my painting, and love being there for my 2 girls and 3 grandchildren, very rewarding.

**Susan Taylor Montague:** I took my daughter, her husband and grandchildren to Nantucket for a week in Jul. I'll be off on a SBC trip to Italy in Oct.

**Tabb Thornton Farinholt:** We enjoy following the events of our 6 grandchildren, all of whom are 3-season athletes of one sort or another.

**Kathy Tyler Sheldon:** We've had a busy summer with visitors and grandchildren and are off to celebrate my sister's 70th birthday in Tuscany where she has rented a villa for family and friends.

**Judy Welton Sargent:** Although my home in Wilmington hasn't sold, I've decided to establish my residency in TX. I've leased a small 2 bedroom apt. in Austin near my children and precious grandson, John Paul. New address: 800 W 38th Street, #3104; Austin, TX 78705. Phone # 512-524-0534.

**Anne Wimbish Kananin:** I lead backstage tours of the San Francisco Opera House and meet people from all over the world.

**Alli Wood Thompson:** For the past 15 yrs. I've been the band leader of a Hawaiian band which plays each month at nursing homes, a geriatric hospital and several Adult Day Care Centers. Our 16 member band (who are the average age of 76) sing, play our ukuleles and dance the hula to entertain the elderly. It does cheer them up!



## 1960

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Many thanks to all who responded to my request for news. First, sad news. We send our deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to **Mickey Oliveri Svoboda** and her family on the loss of Mickey's husband, Joe, who died in July.

We are, indeed, continuing our journey separately and together after our glorious 50th reunion, a weekend of re-connecting, rediscovering and learning — with a lot of laughter and catch-up conversations. **Patricia Russell Howard** (Toronto, ON): "I had a wonderful time at our reunion and was thrilled that we had such a large turn-out. After 40 yrs. as a Professor of English, I took up painting full time, watercolors and drawings." Patricia's art may be viewed at her web site: **Lee Cullum** (Dallas, TX): "I'm on a plane, ready to fly home from London and preparing to interview Al Carey, the CEO of Frito Lay, mainly by sampling a lot of potato chips. Boone Pickens is next on the program I host for the PBS affiliate in my part of the world. He's high on natural gas." **Deborah Lyon** (Jamestown CA): "Sorry I couldn't make it to the reunion, but with a trip to visit my granddaughter and, later this year, a trip to Greece, I was pretty tripped out. Life in the foothills of the Sierras is good, quiet." **Barbara Beam Denison** (Bethesda MD): "Busy summer with visits from children and grandchildren and visits to them as well. They threw a lovely 50th anniv. party for us in CA. George still lobbying, me still framing, both golfing (trying) and traveling. Sorry to have missed reunion."

**Sue Styer Erickson Cahill** (Reading PA): "I took up golf 3 yrs. ago. After many lessons from the club pro and my husband, and playing 3 times a wk., 9 mos. a yr., I'm beginning to play fairly well. After all the years of horse show ribbons and trophies, I've now brought home a golf trophy! I'm so glad I went to reunion and reunited with my old classmates — I will long cherish those weekend moments!" **Winkle Wimlish Chalfant** (Ponte Vedra Beach FL): "Although I was unable to attend our 50th reunion, surely the next best thing was reading Lura's reunion booklet containing responses from so many of us. It was a delight to be updated. Ed and I would love to see you all as you travel in the vicinity of Ponte Vedra." The reunion booklet, initiated and assembled by Class Secretary (now retired) **Lura Coleman Wampler** (Wayne PA), contains reflections by 51 of us. It's a wonder to read. Lura may have copies available. To order one (\$6), contact her at **Anne Rienecke Clarke** (Wilton CT) also spends time in FL, in Venice. "I do enjoy golfing there a few times a year, especially in the winter."

**Teddy Hill and Liz Few** (New Orleans LA): "We're still spending a couple of weeks in Kenya each year with the little conservancy in the Mar we are involved with. This year we're also going to Zambia in the wet (Emerald sounds better) season when the bird migration is full blown and there are hardly any tourists

around. It'll be hot and wet, but wild and interesting. Zambia is our next love after Kenya. We had an NYC house party of old friends from Columbia, SC. **Ellen Pringle Read** was with us, and **Elizabeth Meade Howard** joined us for drinks and dinner when we could get her. We also saw Molly Haskell '61 there. We were at her apt. by chance on the very night she received the Guggenheim Award for her next book. A very happy occasion. We went to CO in July, having reached our limit with the heat, humidity, politics and BP in New Orleans. The 'spill' is still on our minds, as are the images of damage to people, livelihood, animals and wetlands. We'd love to see any of you." **Jane Headstream Yerkes** (Seattle WA): "**Patti Powell Pusey** and I went to Hong Kong last Feb. We're both married to members of Princeton's 'Great Class of 1958,' all of whom were invited to visit another classmate, Sir Gordon Wu, in Hong Kong. A week touring Hong Kong and environs was most fascinating! Last spring, Leonard and I had a visit with **Nancy Corson Gibbes** and then went on to Mulberry, a beautiful plantation near Camden, SC. Former SBC president **Elizabeth Muhlenfeld** wrote a wonderful and learned book about former resident Mary Chesnut. Come visit any time in Seattle."

**Carolyn King Ratcliffe** (White Stone, VA): "We took a trip to Egypt with our family (11 of us) last summer, in celebration of our 50th wedding anniv. It was hot, but the international news was about the heat on the U.S. East Coast, which was hotter than Egypt! Also, daughter Cathy and granddaughter Carolyn were treated to a wonderful backstage tour of the Broadway show, *Lion King*, by **Lucy Martin Glanino**'s daughter, Antonia." **Lucy** (NYC) explains further: "Antonia's currently the production stage manager. She loves it! Disney loves her as well and sends her out to do promo work for the show before a road production goes to a city. Her husband Joel Hoestra's show, 'Rock of Ages,' is also playing on Broadway. All BOs rock music. Great cast, cute story and Joel is on stage as the lead guitarist for the rock band. I'm sure Antonia and Joel would be happy to give backstage tours if they're there." **Anita Perrin Grymes** (Richmond, VA): "It was wonderful to be with so many accomplished and energetic women at reunion. The best part was reconnecting with old friends that I hadn't seen in years, especially **Mary Anne Claiborne Johnston** and **Robin Ould Rentsch**." **Jane Ellis Covington** (Richmond, VA) and **Isabel Ware Burch** (Williamsburg, VA), new class co-presidents: "Having said to ourselves that the 50th might be our last reunion, we are eating our words — big time! It was so great being back on that gorgeous campus and reconnecting with old friends that we ask you to mark your virtual calendars now for May 2015. No excuses — tempus fugit!"

## 1961

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**Mary Denny Scott Wray** sees lots of her family, both in Richmond and NY; Mystic, CT; and Fishers Island in Block Island Sound. Larry and **Cella Williams Dunn** visited her on the island, and she sees **Emily FitzHugh** and **Molly Haskell** in NY. She's also seen **Mimi Gibbs Piper**. Also in Richmond, **Susie Richard Pace** "keeps movin' along," caring for wheelchair-bound George, 4 children and 6 grands. She enjoys "simple pleasures like a ride in the country with her daughter Margaret." **Judy Harris Cutting** and Tom celebrated their 51st anniv. in Richmond. Tom grew up in Fort Smith, where they live a few months of the yr. for "a western twist." That also brings them closer to Dallas, where their daughter and her triplets (10) reside. In Feb., Judy and Tom drove to NY and got snowed in (with the rest of the Middle Atlantic). "Saw 6 shows, ate well and made daily visits to the bank." Last summer they enjoyed fun and culture in Chautauqua, NY. Judy ends, "We do encourage each other with our tales."

**Marjorie Ann "Deeda" Hill Bradford** and Reed celebrated their 50th anniv. last Jun. with family, friends and locals — "a wonderful time for us. Though roommate **Faith Bullis Mace** couldn't make it, but after exchanging e-mails and pictures, it's "great getting back together." In '59 and '60 Reed was stationed with the Army in Worms; they thought a 4-mo. honeymoon in Germany on Uncle Sam would be nice. Reed's Colonel changed their plans for a NY wedding; their parents, her sister and "what family could get away" joined some parental friends and Reed's army buddies for the wedding. The required civil ceremony in the Worms courthouse, the mayor presiding, and the post chaplain conducted the beautiful church ceremony in the chapel. They enjoyed 4 mos. in Germany before returning stateside.

**Stevie Barutio Welch** will celebrate her 50th anniv. in Sept. "Our son and his wife treated us to a trip in Apr. to LA as an early anniv. gift. We watched the Santa Anna Derby and the Pacific again. Our oldest grandson is in his 3rd year of med. School and our youngest granddaughter is starting middle school. Find all 5 of them fascinating. We're still horse racing fans with trips to Lexington, Louisville and Tampa where the ponies love running." **Celia Williams** found me on facebook, and I hope we can keep up. Would love to hear from others."

**Mimi Lucas Fleming** and Peter celebrated their 50th in Jun. in Savannah, with family and members of their wedding party, including bridesmaids **Lou Chapman Hoffman** with Don, and **Cella Williams Dunn** with Larry. All enjoyed a picnic at Celia's country home, and Sat. dinner at their son's home, the Savannah project for the television show, "This Old House." Sun. began with worship in St. John's Episcopal Church, where Mimi and Peter were married.

Calla lilies graced the altar as they did 50 yrs. ago. The finale was a midday dinner at the Oglethorpe Club, where "Mimi gave the perfect toast." Mimi and Peter continue to work part time; Peter as an assistant to the Dean of St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral, and Mimi as a senior judge on the FL trial court bench. Their greatest joy is time with their 3 sons: Peter and his wife with 2 children in Atlanta; Lucas, his wife and 2 daughters in St. Petersburg; and youngest son Mills in Savannah with his wife and son.

Last fall, **Lou Chapman Hoffman** visited **Miss Em Whaley Whipple** in Charleston. They hadn't seen each other since SBC. Miss Em gave Lou a tour of houses and gardens, the highlight of which was her son's artwork in his studio. She and **Dody Prevost Ragsdale** in Raleigh keep up by phone. **Janna Staley Fitzgerald** and husband Hans Tiesel of the Coll. of William and Mary enjoy Williamsburg and gardening. Janna visits her mother (103), living solo in a Charlottesville condo. Last May, she and Hans visited in Martha's Vineyard and on the way back saw college friends, including **Anne Worboys Buske**, whose daughter Dana had moved her close to her home in Arlington, MA and **Holly Chaikowski Davis** in Lebanon, PA. She hears from Lucy Giles Richey busy with grandchildren and dogs. "The most beautiful child ever is, of course" Hunter Staley Fitzgerald, who joined the rest of her family at the beach in Jun.

Some of us mentioned our projects. **Judy Greer Schulz** has restoration projects: at Thomas Jefferson's retreat, Poplar Forest; then an 1840s vintage house in Bedford, serving as a Parish House for the Lutheran Church Steve is helping to establish there; and lately, a girls' school Konnarack, which her grandfather helped found in the mountains of Southwestern VA in the Depression. She helps with Lynchburg's 5-year-old opera company and has her piano students. They visit their "delightful grandchildren," in Rye, just north of NYC, and in Providence, RI. When living in her creekside cottage near the Chesapeake, **Margaret Gwathmey** supports the "dynamic" West Riverkeeper. She volunteers, mostly testing the water for why the critters have so much trouble thriving. The local umbrella civic association has found that finding a dorque to be secretary is harder than finding a vice president, so **Bette Hutchins Sharland**, between Bowie and Annapolis, is back taking minutes. In staring down a bad birthday last Jan. and early Feb., she realized that older women should identify the men who need an extra Valentine, buy, sign "your secret admirer," and drive to a Post Office 50 mi. away, hopefully in the next state, before mailing them. The "Red Rock News" ran a feature of **Laura Conway Nason** out in Sedona, AZ. Laura runs The French Group, who meet Thursdays to speak and keep French a part of their lives. She and Jack enjoy regular visits from friends "back east" and their 2 sons, one outside Philadelphia, and the other in Olympia, WA. Her family love hiking in the red rocks. Laura and Jack enjoyed a visit to San Diego



with his Dartmouth classmates and get back to Penn almost every autumn.

**Susan Cone Scott** moved into "a lovely condo" despite all that snow last winter. Like many, she says "Best trips are visits to 1 child in New Orleans and 1 in Austin." **Penny Stanton Meyer** spent last winter back on MD's Eastern Shore, shoveling more snow than did Vermonters, and has now moved to be near family and old friends. Her 38 wonderful yrs. raising kids and teaching in the countryside are special memories. Son David and family are in Carbondale, where he teaches at CO Rocky Mountain School. Susannah and family live near Tampa, where she teaches. Penny says both are great for a visit. She planned to be just back from Costa Rica now.

Many enjoy travel. **Allie Laing Sallsbury** and John escaped a "really cold snowy KS winter in Palm Desert, CA, and a hot, humid summer by spending the season" at their place in Grand Lake, CO. They've just returned from an excursion through the German, Italian, Austrian and Swiss Alps and saw the passion play in Oberammergau, and have traveled in South America in the past 2 yrs.

## 1962

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With many thanks to **Allison Moore Garrett**, here are our tidbits. Allison and Tom still live in Memphis. They have 10 grandchildren. The oldest 2 granddaughters are at Vanderbilt and UVA. Allison works part time as a psychologist, specializing in eating disorders and women's issues. She and Tom spend time in Vero Beach in winter. Allison had a great visit with **Douglas Dockery Thomas** at her gorgeous home in CT this summer.

## 1963

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Many thanks to those who responded to my news request! For those who don't have email, please send your news to me for the next issue as soon as possible.

**Chris Deval Wardlow's** granddaughter Anna Deval Richards will be attending Sweet Briar in fall. Is the 1st granddaughter from '63 to attend SBC? Chris and Anna's mother Dianna plan to attend Parents Weekend in Oct.

**Cynthia Livingstone Gilbert** continues as an infectious disease physician at the VA Medical Center in Washington, D.C., and is a professor of medicine at George Washington U. Both of her children are physicians: son Chris and his wife have 3 children, one of them — Sophia (10) — loves anything to do with horses; her daughter Jennifer is at the U. of KY in Lexington so Cynthia visits the Bluegrass State every few mos. She had lunch with **Valerie Elbrick Hanlon** in summer and spoke with **Cheri Fitzgerald Burchard** recently.

Connecting with our classmates in Europe is always special. From Denmark, **Harriet Reese Jensen** is busy with 'senior nanny duty' as her daughter is divorced, working full time, and living nearby with 3 small children. In May she and some Danish friends visited

Moscow and took a river cruise up the Volga and through a couple of lakes to St Petersburg. She never expected that she would find herself standing on the Red Square or touring a section of the Kremlin. In Aug. she plans to spend 10 days in Provence before school starts and senior nanny has to gear up! From Germany **Nerissa vom Baur Roehrs** wrote not only about her music but about her Siamese cats! Last fall a local radio station programmed some of her songs for a half hour over 2 wks. and played 2 of her Christmas carols during Advent. She recently wrote a song (chorus and full orchestra) for her old school, at the request of the departing headmistress, for the installation of the new headmistress in late Sept. which Nerissa will attend. She says that the school is "all fired up" about it and that the music director thinks it's going to be "terrific."

Stateside **Betty Stanly Cates** was surprised to see **Barbara Rockefeller Bartlett**, **Mary Lou Morton Sellheimer** and **Charlie**, and **Betty Noland Caravati** at a successful SB event in Vero Beach in Feb. Jo Ellen Parker attended and charmed everyone. The distinguished professor lecture was given by John Morrissey — this "whale of a man" gave "a whale of a lecture" on whales. Betty managed a brief visit with **Lea Osborne Angell** and Jack in Vero Beach last winter. **Lu Gardner Mannion** and Ed spent a night with her on their way back to TN after a Panama Canal cruise. They escaped a snowstorm while they were away.

From the mountains **Allie Stemmons Simon's** news centers around retirement — completely for Heinz and partially for her since her travel business has dwindled to a few die-hard clients who don't keep her too busy. They spent the summer at their CO home "because TX is too hot!" They've worked out about a 50/50 split between the 2 places. The dog and cat go back and forth with them and the kids visit both. Oldest daughter Karen is building a house near them in Snowmass Village. **Lisa Wood Hancock** and Pete spent a week with them and they went to a marvelous concert with Joshua Bell. Allie and Heinz will take a Mediterranean cruise this fall.

**Karen Gill Meyer** and Jim had a great trip to Kiawah, SC, this spring; they also attended the Master's and U.S. Open. They're still working together at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney with no plans to retire and commute to Coronado every weekend. Karen enjoys her stint on the SB board in these challenging times.

**Nikki Griess Deupree** has a 4th grandchild (2nd grandson) thanks to her son and daughter-in-law. Wanting to downsize, they put their house on the market, but don't know where they'll go next! They have a condo in FL so they won't be out on the street if the house sells quickly. **Kathy Caldwell Patten** is expecting a new grandchild in Aug.

Kathy stays busy on The TN Gorge Land Trust, 2 book clubs, 2 garden clubs and traveling. In Oct. her husband got a moose hunting permit for when they're in Eagle Lake, ME; she's wondering what they're going to do with a 1500 lb moose!

**Sue Jones Cansler** and Chuck took 2 of their grandchildren (twins, 10) on a 2-wk. trip from Charleston, SC, to Washington, D.C., and had fun seeing some familiar sights through new eyes! She stays busy with the Coastal Symphony of GA. This fall they're going on a Mediterranean cruise that includes Egypt, Israel, Greece and Turkey. **Betsy Parker McColl** and Jim love being grandparents; they see 2 granddaughters, Frances (21 mos.) and Lucy (3 mos.) often. Betsy still plays tennis and has found some people to play with when they're in Blowing Rock, NC, during the summer. **Ann Knickerbocker McCulloch** has a full life in Houston with 7 grandchildren as well as many Iraqi, Afghan and Iranian refugees to whom she teaches English and serves as an American grandmother.

**Anne Carter Brothers** and family were headed for the Gulf Coast in Jul. (will she survive 5 granddaughters under 1 roof?) Anne says she's overcommitted herself for the fall with a one-woman show, a school show and Christmas commissions, but plans to take it easy in 2011 to enjoy her 70th yr.! **Sallie Von Williams** has been busy traveling to see children, grandchildren and surrogate children. She volunteers at the local hospital and helps with school cookbook projects. She sees **Barbara Yukum Miller**, who looks great, whenever they come to Sandbridge, VA, from the Washington area.

By the time you read this **Betsey Beale** should have recovered from a fractured right fibula which is keeping her housebound; we enjoy marathon phone calls every week.

## 1964

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It's wonderful to hear from classmates any time. **Grace Mary Oates** heard from fellow Texan **Margaret Gaston Clayton**. She went to SMU and did graduate work in English and psych elsewhere. "I've been married for 46 yrs. to a lawyer, philosopher and rancher. We have 2 children: Christopher who lives nearby and is married with 2 daughters, and Catherine (36) married with 2 daughters living in AL. I breed and show Cavalier King Charles Spaniels and enjoy church and community work." **Carol EckmanTaylor** and David are fine as are her granddaughter (9) and her mother who live with them. "I work very much full time with a small law firm I helped start 5 yrs. ago. David runs the house and several acres of vegetables when he isn't motorcycling all over the U.S. and abroad. My specialties are taxes and American Girl dolls." **Dona Van Arsdale Jones** got an update from **Frances Lee-Vandell**. "I'm still reconstructing the

## CLASS NOTES

1780 house I took down in Chesterfield County, board by board, brick by brick. Trying to get LEED certification and improve the farm surrounding it. I have 5 grandchildren; the oldest at Woodberry Forest, his sister at Chatham Hall." She also adds that the great blizzard slowed them down a bit, but that she had "a great winter teaching skiing at Wintergreen." (It's in VA.) As for me, **Ginny deBuys**, I may join the working world for a short spell.

## 1965

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Please, please, send your new email addresses to Bonnie Seitz at Sweet Briar (seitz@sbc.edu) and to me, since I don't request class news by mail!

The 45th reunion was a happy visit with classmates and a positive introduction to the new president, Jo Ellen Parker. **Laura Haskell Phinly** handed over the class presidency to **Brenda Muhlinghaus Barger**, and I was reinstated as secretary. To add a focus to our class notes, we decided to try sending a question with the request for news — what are your memories of the day John Kennedy was shot.

**Vicky Thoma Barrette** retired in spring '08 after 36 yrs. with Baystate Health in western MA, to relocate to Portsmouth, NH, and travel. In 6/09 she and Gene moved to their Tidewater condo near the ocean, and the city and skiing. After only a few mos. to enjoy NH, Gene died in 1/10. Friends visiting Portsmouth are welcome to visit (603-373-0059). Vicky went to China with **Nancy MacMeekin** in Mar. and visited relatives in Austin, TX, Seattle, WA, and Manitoulin Island on Lake Huron in Ontario. She plans a trip with Nancy to AK and is going to Egypt in Oct.

**Melinda Chapman** remembers standing in front of her dresser on the 3rd floor of Carson when someone ran down the hall screaming the news from Dallas. Her 1st thought was that our country was under attack; everyone was so nervous about the Bay of Pigs. She went with a group to the chapel to pray and stayed until they heard Kennedy was dead. Melinda's response to Kennedy's death was compounded by her zany philosophy teacher, Dr. Crowe, who took the class on a field trip to Lynchburg to see "Dr. Strangelove: How I Learned to Love the Bomb." Exciting family news: son David and wife Melinda and their 4 children (17, 14, 13 and 10) will live in Germany for the next 3 yrs. David works for a German drug company and this is a step up the ladder. Melinda plans to visit them; the children will be attending an international school in Frankfurt.

**Elizabeth Sutton Healy** retired from Park School in Boston, and she and Jay have given up their Beacon Hill condo to become country mice. This puts them in



Charlemont, as always, and in Dublin, NH, much of the summer. Jay was concerned that she'd be bored in retirement, but her lists of things to do, both house projects and fun projects, will long outlast her! Jay still has his lumber operation in western MA, plus he was appointed a year ago by USDA to be state director for rural development in MA, CT and RI. Son Eben is in Philly, working on a master's in education, hoping to teach and coach. Daughter Elizabeth is a vet tech in CO, where they love to visit.

**Scribble Heuston** celebrates our own **Elvira Macmillan Tate** being honored as Outstanding Alumna of the Year! She also encourages classmates to become members of the Boxwood Circle — that would make her daughter-in-law, chairwoman Kimberley Euston '92, very happy. Scribble volunteers and lives in Jacksonville.

**Sally McCrady Hubbard** was in a history of opera class at Tulane on 11/22/63; the professor dismissed the class, unable to speak. She went to her husband's side of the campus, stunned and afraid and found him unable to speak or to hear. He who was considered a dangerous liberal by his family and an arch-conservative by his graduate school peers — how could he grieve this event? She couldn't talk with him about it. It shattered her illusions that the USA was somehow different from other countries; that we had immunity from guerilla warfare, from assassination. As for current news, Sally's 10 mos. as office manager for the Sewanee Summer Music Festival ended on a high note (sorry!). The mo.-long program was successful: 145 talented young students attended, the faculty was happy, audiences were up, donations were up, concerts were incredible, and the festival ended well into the black (after years in the red).

**Nancy MacMeekin** and Vicky did a whirlwind trip to China on a Chamber of Commerce tour, seeing pearls, jade, silks and visiting Beijing, Xi'an (the terracotta warriors) and Shanghai. It was sleeting and snowing the day they went to the Great Wall, which added magic to the sight of the wall snaking along the mountain ridges. Nancy remembers being in Classical Civilization class in the auditorium when **Abby Mason Browne** burst in and announced "The president's been shot!" Before she understood, Nancy's 1st thought was "Who would shoot President Pannell?"

**Mary K. Lee McDonald** remembers seeing an emotional side of her classical civilization professor that day. She had thought him an ancient stoic Greek who never showed emotion. Mary K. is still working hard in real estate; husband John is busy with HO model trains, Boy Scouts, shooting sports and golf. Their granddaughter (4) is in Richmond; their grandson (6 wks.) is moving to Penn State where both parents have teaching positions. Invertebrate traveler, Mary K.'s been or is going to China, AZ, Hatteras, Sugar Mountain, NC, in August (where she hopes to connect with **Alice Mighell Ficken** again), NY, and Santa Fe in the winter.

**Laura Haskell Phinzy** remembers 11/22 as overcast. She didn't know how to feel, act or react, so tried to

study. Daughter Laura's family moved into their new, larger home in D.C. across from Lafayette Park. Grandsons Wesley and Stewart visited Laura and Stewart in Augusta.

**Milbrey Sebring Raney** was in the library stacks that Fri. afternoon. She came out for a break and saw Miss Muncy running down the corridor, tears streaming down her face, calling out the news. Mibs was overwhelmed by the news and by the fact that Miss Muncy was crying. She was stunned and unable to study.

**Sally Rasco Thomas** was attending the U. of Madrid when Kennedy was shot, and may have heard the news sooner than friends in VA did, because she had a friend whose husband was stationed at the American airbase. Sally went to her friend's apt. while Kennedy was still en-route to the hospital to listen to the Armed Forces network bulletins. She attended a memorial service at the American Embassy. Other news from Sally is that HI is part of her territory, and she's going there with her oldest granddaughter during the Honolulu Heart Walk.

After reunion, **Laura Phinzy** wrote President Parker an interesting question: "To whom are you marketing SBC now? Where are you finding girls who want to come? What drives them to look at an all-girls' college?" Jo Ellen's answer is of interest to us all: "These days, most students tell us they choose Sweet Briar because of specific programs we offer. That is, they come because of the strength of the business program, or creative writing, or engineering, or the equestrian program, or any of our other outstanding offerings. Most of them are not specifically looking for a women's college. It's only after they study here for a while that they recognize all the advantages of single-sex education. Many students also tell us that they choose Sweet Briar because of the beauty of the land. A typical comment is 'I pulled in the gates and felt this was the place I wanted to be.'"

"So our typical student these days has chosen Sweet Briar because of its strong academic reputation overall and the presence of some particular program that interests her. She is also generally someone who appreciates the beauty of the land and may be athletic or 'outdoorsy.' She is clearly willing to attend a women's college, but she has considered both single sex and coed options, and generally made her choice based on academic programs and student experience."

## 1966

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Sad news first. **Molly Thrombly Bailey** died on 5/14/10 due to a freak drowning accident. She's survived by her husband, John, 2 children, and 3 grandchildren. John Bailey's address is 1213 E. Shelby St. No. 16 in Seattle, WA 98102.

**Dianna "Peppie" Yaeger Rankin** writes that she dearly misses **Sharon**

**Price Quill** who died last summer, 2010. Herb and I keep up with Jim Quill who tells us that the local Garden Club and Presbyterian Church have made lovely tributes to Sharon. Peppie and Tom have moved to McLean, VA, as Peppie has accepted the position, Director of Equestrian Programs at The Madeira School.

This year begins **Meredith Aldrich's** 34th yr. with Childrens Hours' Primary School. She's looking forward to summer and the renewal it will bring after an encounter with lung cancer. She has been undergoing treatment at Dana Farber in Boston. She welcomes visitors who might find themselves near Geneva, NY, or Martha's Vineyard, MA. Her email is moodleahws.edu.

A destination also to keep in mind is Sweet Briar College for our 45th reunion May 20-22, 2011. I'm glad that **Sharon Quill** and I took the time to attend our 40th. It turned out to be Sharon's last reunion. We never know what tomorrow brings our way. **Missy Spruance Talbot** writes that 5 yrs. have passed since she had her 2005 stroke. She reminds all of us that "God is good."

Many of you love staying connected with SBC friends. I feel blessed to have **Penn Willets Mullin** close by; we enjoy fun times together during the yr. Hope to see **Robin Cutler** as she has a daughter and 2 grandsons who live in San Francisco and also **Tia Campbell McMillan** who has 2 children and 5 grandchildren here also. Hopefully, **Nancy Schmitt Bishop** and **Keenan Colton Kelsey** can join us as they too are in the Bay Area.

This yr., Herb and I visited **Makanah Dunham Morriss** and Bob at their farm in Forest, VA. They have beautiful property outside Lynchburg for themselves and their horses. While we were there, **Kit Baker Synder** from up the road stopped by. She is very proud to be a grandmother. **Betty Booker Morriss** says Makanah is up to a gazillion activities. Betty gets to see Makanah and Bob a lot as Betty's husband Dabney is Bob's brother. Betty herself is very active writing Boomer-related articles, managing a rental property, and serving as her family-o-origin matriarch.

**Sally Kalber Fiedler** and Jay saw **Jane Taylor Ryan** and Jack this yr. Sally has a grandson (7) and wishes his family lived closer than OR. She and Jay loved being at SBC recently, and they were impressed with the architecture and natural beauty of the campus and both the past and current presidents.

**Penn Willets Mullin** and her SBC roommates **Jane Nelson**, **Keenan Colton Kelsey** and **Susan Dodson Hiller** look forward to their yearly reunions. Penn and George enjoy a life busy with grandchildren, backpacking and fly-fishing. Penn enjoys her teaching and tutoring creative writing in nearby schools.

**Suzy Mosley Helms** and Nelson look forward to another summer at Chautauqua and expect to see **Marcy Fisher**, **Harriette Horsey Sturges** and **Penny Steketee Sldor**.

This was also a yr. of change for some of us. **Andrea Pearson Pennington** will retire from her 28-yr. job as Court Referee at Strickland Youth Center. She and Al are looking forward to a cross-country driving trip as their 1st adventure.

**Katie Pritchett Mitchell** is retired from residential real estate after 30 yrs. Now is time for she and Jim to concentrate on 8 grandchildren and her 3 children. She enjoyed a visit with **Marquerite McKee Moss** and heard from **Carey Judy Weathers** who is an emerging artist and enjoys her new hobby and all her grandchildren.

**Marcia Pace Lindstrom's** husband retired as rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Apr. and they moved to Franklin, NC. Marcia has found a book club, duplicate bridge and a good hair stylist so all is well.

While some classmates are facing new adventures as they retire, others are passionate about their current work. **Martha Madden Swanson** and David will make a return trip to Kenya to celebrate the grand opening of the new buildings for the school they support — a high school for students who have been orphaned by Aids.

**Lee MacKubin Miller** is busy working with the homeless and mentally impaired. She loves being a grandmother of 2.

**Barbara Dublin Van Cleve** is an emergency room chaplain for our hospital system in Greensboro, NC, but has time for long trips to Scotland and Ireland and trips with family to celebrate daughters' educational decrees.

**Cherry Brown Peters** is still a business analyst with Suntrust Bank. She sings in the church choir and serves on a volunteer board.

**Vicki Chainsky Verity** is president of the local hospice and serves on the board of the SC Coastal Conservation League.

**Judy Wilson Grant** is still involved with the Denver Debutante Ball, the Garden Club of Denver, the CO Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust and the board of directors for Sweet Briar. They're enjoying their 1st grandchild.

**Jane Ellen Glasser's** 2nd book, "Light Persists," won the Tampa Review Prize for Poetry and her book, "On the Corner of Yesterday," was just released from Pudding House Publications. Despite all her writing, she still has time to enjoy her 3 grandchildren.

Another writer is **Sally Van Winkle Campbell** who has a new book, "Saving Kentucky. Greening the Bluegrass," coming out in Oct. It has been a 7-yr. project. (See [media.savingkentucky.com](http://media.savingkentucky.com))

**Jody Nolan Old** and Randy opened a consultation practice in Vero Beach, FL, for wellness through nutrition and herbal medicine ([intuneherbalists.com](http://intuneherbalists.com)). Jody lives close to **Marilyn Garabrant Morris** and enjoys golf with **Debbie Haslam Peniston** who returned from Africa and was delighted to see the Big Five on Safari.

Other travelers include **Jean Campbell Barquin** who recently had fun trips to Spain, France and Italy. They expect their 1st grandchild in Nov.

**Ellie Gilmore Massie** loves their move to Plymouth, MA, where they play golf, tennis and bridge and enjoy visits from children who live nearby. Ellie sings in various groups.

**Tia Campbell McMillan** also moved to a new house in Sheperdstown, WV, overlooking the Potomac River. She's learning how to fly fish.



**Sidney Turner** says this was an amazing yr. in the Baltimore/Washington area with over 80 in. of snow. They find life gets more difficult in entertaining as one must consider diabetes, high blood pressure, Crohn's disease etc. when planning meal. As for Herb and I, our lives too are filled with travel, birding, church and family and grandchildren activities, even though they're in NC. The most fulfilling thing though, is tutoring 2nd graders in inner city Oakland once a week. The things these children experience in their out of school lives overwhelm us.

Hope to see you May 20-22, 2011 for our 45th reunion. If you haven't given me your email address, please do so as it makes this job so much easier. Please title your email "SBC," give both your maiden and married name and use our email, hrlong13@sbcglobal.net.

## 1967

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I have sad news to report. First, **Win Waterman Gildehaus** (Moline, IL) died in 11/09 of a rare cancer diagnosed 2 yrs. earlier, after Win and Tom returned from a family wedding in India. **Susan Scanlan** wrote: "Win fought without complaint

or self-pity for nearly 2 yrs., refusing to give up hope. Tom's devotion and determination probably added a year to her [life], allowing her to meet a couple new grandchildren." In summer '09, **Nancy Wendling Peacock** and Susan decided it was time to say goodbye and flew to IL, where they had "a wonderful couple days recalling and even making great memories." Win and Tom took Sue and Nanner on a behind-the-scenes tour of Davenport, IA's Figge Art Museum (Win in a wheelchair but still game). Win and Tom were involved in its creation and, as chairman of the board, Tom was instrumental in bringing Jackson Pollock's most famous drip painting and 22 other modern masterpieces to The Figge from the U. of IA. "Nanner was able to fly out for the funeral. In Win's honor, all the women wore crazy patterned and brightly colored stockings or socks. It was Win's fashion trademark; she always had the legs to carry them off. The men followed suit with wild ties and vests. Win would have loved that touch."

I was shocked to hear in Jun. that **Keithley Rose Miller's** (Palm Beach, FL) husband Dwight died suddenly while they were vacationing in the Dominican Republic. I'm sure you all join me in sending our deepest sympathy to Keithley and the Rose-Miller families.

**Martha Brewer** (NoLa) had a challenging year, breaking her wrist in 11/09 and undergoing several surgeries to repair it, successfully. Then her spouse, Susan Landry, was diagnosed with cancer. As of Aug., Martha and Susan are meeting the treatments (not surprisingly) with stamina and style.

MA misses her, but **Ronde Kneip Bradley** (Brooklyn, NY) has moved to take a new job at Wylie publishing, for whom she has worked in college textbook sales for yrs. She appears to be reveling in Big City life, e.g. walks in B'lyn Heights and suppers at a nearby Ethiopian restaurant.

I met **Ridgely Fuller** (Waltham, MA) and **Helen Willingham Meadors** (Rabun

## Recently Deceased

Louise Miller Mann '23	Oct. 21, 1997
Mary Holt Rosenberger '27	Nov. 7, 2005
Elinore Gibbs Brueckner '28	May 11, 1993
Josephine Halsey Day '28	Oct. 10, 2009
Barbara Lewis Howard '29	March 22, 1995
Sara Buckley Garcelon '30	May 1, 1976
Mary Earle Kaminer '30	Sept. 14, 2009
Eleanor Wright Conway '32	June 18, 2010
Mary Garver Gaines '33	March 31, 2010
Helen Murray Ruschp '34	Aug. 2, 2009
Jane Lawder '35	Feb. 6, 2009
Janice Wiley Adams '36	July 21, 2010
Mary Blythe Cunningham '36	June 6, 2010
Mary Carney Hart '37	Aug. 29, 1993
Margaret Sandidge Mason-Miller '37	Feb. 7, 2010
Barbara Derr Chenoweth '38	March 10, 2009
Isabelle Franke DeGraaf '38	Aug. 25, 2010
Mary Brown-Serman Kirby '38	Sept. 1, 2010
Anne "Nancy" Old Mercer '38	June 20, 2010
Elizabeth Bowley Phillips '38	May 15, 2004
Hylah Coley Ebling '39	June 21, 2010
Betty Bartelt Croasdale '41	July 28, 2010
Elizabeth Colley Shelton '41	Aug. 2, 2010
Cynthia Abbott Dougherty '42	March 29, 2010
Jeanne Sawyer Stanwood '42	May 17, 2010
Gloria Peniston Poole '43	July 30, 2010
Elizabeth Hall Schwartz '43	July 20, 2003
Constance Budlong Myrick '44	May 20, 2010
Louise Hesson Shelburne '44	Aug. 4, 2010
Alma Hall Peckham '45	Aug. 19, 2010
Julia Bristow '46	May 18, 2010
Frances Ulmer Conley '47	July 19, 2010
Alexandra Marcoglou Tully '47	Aug. 16, 2009
Maddin Lupton McCallie '48	Sept. 4, 2010
Helen McKemie Riddle '48	Sept. 3, 2010
Mary "Anne" Bryant '49	Aug. 2, 2010
Elizabeth Hutchens McCaleb '50	July 11, 2010
Diane Richmond Simpson '51	June 29, 2010
Anne Forster Dooley '52	Feb. 19, 2009
Anne Sheffield Hale '54	May 30, 2010
Nancy Clapp Cudlip '55	July 16, 2010
Eloise Marshall Cutchin '59	May 11, 2010
Joann Derrickson Slights '59	Aug. 28, 2010
Judith Haskell Brewer '61	May 4, 2010
Anne Worboys Buske '61	Sept. 9, 2010
Rosalie Owings Grant '61	June 27, 2010
Mary Trombly Bailey '66	May 14, 2010
Gale Hull Whetzel '71	May 8, 2010
Hazel Wright Hilsman '73	Aug. 30, 2010
Christine Carr Dykstra '76	Jan. 30, 2010
Alison Mitchell '79	April 29, 2010
Susan Neary '85	Feb. 17, 2009

If you wish to write to a member of the family of someone recently deceased, please contact the Alumnae Office for name and address at alumnae@sbc.edu or (434) 381-6131.

## Anne Sheffield Hale '54

**Anne Sheffield Hale '54** died Sunday, May 30, 2010, while with her family in Alabama. Anne's husband, Bradley, served on the College's board of directors from 1992 to 2000. Anne and Bradley have been philanthropic leaders at the College and were key donors to *Our Campaign For Her World*. Anne was a member of the Silver Rose Society and the Indiana Fletcher Williams Associates. In 1969, she instigated and was the first chair of Sweet Briar Living Room Learning in Atlanta. She also served as the Atlanta Club president and was on her Reunion Gifts

Committee in 2004 for her 50th reunion. In 2008, The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation honored Anne with the Chairman's Award, which recognizes individuals for a lifetime of dedication to the cause of historic preservation.





Gap, GA) for dinner in Jun. as Helen was on her way to Nantucket for the wedding of Bill and **Lucile McKee Clarkson's** daughter. I wish someone would email me about how lovely the wedding was...

**Jan Sheets Jones** (Hartford, CT) and Jimmy will be staying put until 2015 since he has re-upped for 5 more yrs. as Pres. of Trinity Coll. Jennifer, Derek and baby Kellan are in Atlanta. Justin, Lori, Emma and baby Caroline are in Franklin, TN. Jason and Ellen are in C'ville. **Liz Medaglia** and **Peggy Davis Molander** came to Jason and Ellen's wedding, were well and still working, but Jan hasn't heard from them lately. Like all of us still blessed with parents, Jan busily juggles the roles of wife, mother, g'mother ("The Best!") and daughter. And work. Jan does consulting, from fundraising to math curriculum evaluation to teacher training, parent workshops and some classroom visitation. She is spared "empty-nest" syndrome by having 2K+ students around her 9 mos. a yr. Jan returned to SBC for the inauguration of Pres. Parker. "A dear friend of ours ... she's an outstanding academic and administrator who truly understands the challenges of women's colleges."

Your class secretary sits in her basement, where it's cooler this Aug. day, and asks you to note that the next deadline for news will be Feb. 1.

## 1970

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## 1971

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I'm on my own for these notes, but there may be some of you who didn't yet get the news that my co-secretary, **Gale Huil Whetzel**, passed away 5/8/10 from complications following a stroke. While she was still in stable condition, **Frances Barnes Kenamer** and **Martha Roton Terry** visited her. They say she was "very much the Gale we all remember." They told stories of their SBCs and beyond, laughed, hugged and had "an incredibly uplifting time." The 2 had brought along a CD of "Acapella Gold," a Sweet Tones album recorded when Gale was part of the group, and they sang along to the album while holding Gale's hand. Gale's husband Gene said she listened to it over and over after they left. Frances added some personal news about daughter Helen's marriage to John Hopson, a sales rep for Stryker Orthopedics. Helen is a speech pathologist; the couple live in Nashville, TN. Frances still plays golf several times a week and works part time with the School of Public Health at the U. AL at Birmingham.

**Susan "Susu" Schmidt**, Ph.D. works as a developmental editor, coaching authors how to "polish to publish." Her website is [www.susanschmidt.net](http://www.susanschmidt.net). She also collects rain water for her sand

dune gardens in Beaufort, NC, produces a new monthly contra dance and leads a creative writing workshop.

**Patsy Wheeler Maddox** has retired from teaching and hopes to travel more and spend time with their 3 grandsons (granddaughter arriving in Oct.)

**Jill Lowry Welmer** wrote "Hallelujah!" at seeing the last of her 4 daughters married at Highland, NC, in Aug. Also in NC is **Robbin Richardson**, who says "Life is lovely." She's single in Raleigh, working real estate with her son, playing with grandkids, painting and wintering in Puerto Vallarta. **Margaret Highsmith Dickson** (NC) was appointed to the state Senate to fill an unexpired term after serving almost 8 yrs. in the state House and has been campaigning hard to retain the seat.

**Wendy Norton Brown** married off her older son David last Oct. to Scottie Howard. **Barb Gracey Backer** and **Kathy Wilson Lamb** attended as did **Rene Roark Bowditch** and **Rosemary Dunaway Trible**, who (small world!) are great friends of the bride's mother.

**Liz Mumford** enjoys being single again (no more Wilson, she notes) and in Aug. was trying to stay cool on a hot Cape Cod, painting all the time and lamenting weak sales. Liz's son Sam graduated in spring '10 and came home for the summer to operate a gentleman's 30" Regulator and go fishing. **Alison Jones's** artistic medium is photography ([www.alisonjonesphoto.com](http://www.alisonjonesphoto.com)) and her subject is Africa, where she's working hard with [www.nowater-nolife.org](http://www.nowater-nolife.org) to combat the construction of a highway through the Serengeti that will adversely affect wildlife migration patterns. **Alisa Yust Rowe's** work on the board of the Art Guild of Rural Texas bringing the arts to children has been rewarding. Alisa was also part of a group from Houston that visited SBC in 9/09 to dedicate a new building which houses the "Houston Bistro," built with funds raised in part by SBC alumnae in that city. **Anne Wigginsworth Muñoz** continues to work on her batik and will be teaching that medium through U. UT's continuing education program this fall. Daughter Maya started her 2nd yr. of residency in pediatrics and daughter Aliria is earning her master's in Nursing Education while working full time. Anne and Milton have been doing a lot of traveling: to Phoenix to see their daughters, LA, KY to see Anne's father (96), and Japan to celebrate Anne's 60th. **Deborah Chasen Wyatt** is painting almost full time now, having some success with juried shows in NYC and San Francisco. She wrote from Aix in the south of France, where she'd gone to paint and run into a heat wave. She's also doing the final edit on a book, "Husband still tolerating me. Kids gone off," she concludes.

**Rhoda Allen Brooks** is now a grandmother, courtesy of son John's little boy Jack. John's family live in Minneapolis, as does Rhoda's sister Adaline '68. Adaline's daughter (Rhoda's niece) was to marry this summer and Rhoda was looking forward to being there with twin sister **Ruth Allen Darlington**. **Kathy Wilson Lamb's** 2 grandbabies (21 and 28 mos.) are a joy. Retirement in Lexington, VA, continues to be wonderful. She mentions spending the night after **Wendy Norton Brown's** son's wedding

with **Becky Bottomley Meeker** and husband David. **Kathy Jones Youell's** 1st grandchild, Madeline Elizabeth, was born in 3/29/10 to daughter-in-law Lauren, a pediatric MD. John and "KJ" had just returned from a 2-wk cruise of the British Isles. **Margaret Schiltges Schultheiss** still lives in Erlangen, Germany, with husband Gerhard. Their daughters are grown and gone. Christine will start student teaching in Nuremberg and house breaking a new Lab puppy. Sandra, in Belton TX, married Jason Miller and had a daughter 12/26/09. She's having another baby in 3/11. **Diana Zeldel** and husband Jon Seymour are also new grandparents to adopted Vietnamese daughter Ruth (3) (Annapolis, MD), Nora (8) and Cooper (5), who live in Manhattan. The clan gathered in spring '10 at Diana and Jon's home in Palm Beach Gardens, FL, and Jon is fully recovered from being hit by a car in Washington, D.C. They stay busy with leadership consulting, volunteer work, travel and tennis (Jon) or Mah Jong (Diana). Diana sees Mimi Dixon frequently and the two also get together with **Marilyn Kolb** and **Caroline Tuttle Murray**.

**Wendy Weiss Smith** and Gil fell in love with Morocco, where they visited last spring and will be heading to St. John, USVI in early winter. They've celebrated their 34th anniv. I (**Lynne Manov Sprinsky**) am adjusting to life as a widow, but keep busy with my continuing renovations to my 150-y.o. farm house and my new horse, a wonderful "mature" Prix St. Georg Dutch-bred gelding who serves as Schoolmaster to my BAL-IMO students. This summer I visited my stepdaughter in TN and son in Cincinnati, and participated in several dressage clinics in NY and VA. An enticing trip to France awaits next spring, but I'll be home in time for Reunion! **Susan "Sioux" Greenwald** has enjoyed theater evenings and other NYC cultural activities, and with **Roberta "Robi" Randolph** visited **Mim Washabaugh Meglin**, where Mim hosted them for a tour of Frederick, MD. Sioux suggests (with tongue in cheek, I'm sure!) we abbreviate these class notes by using the younger folks' text message language. **Louise Dempsey McKean** and **Ted** are retired and divide time between NY and La Malbaie, Quebec, with a few trips south now and then.

**Martha Stewart Crosland's** son Stewart graduated magna cum laude and Order of the Coif from W-L law school. He'll be clerking for an 11th Circuit judge in Jacksonville, FL, next yr. **Mimi Fahs's** son Craig and she survived college apps and Craig is now a freshman at Middlebury Coll., "a campus almost as beautiful as SBC." Mimi herself is still "professoring" and involved in building a new School of Public Health at Hunter Coll. in NYC. She invites anyone visiting the Big Apple for a drink at her loft in the West Village. **Linda Whitlow Knight** and Dick's younger daughter, Elizabeth, is a lawyer with the Dallas office of a big litigation and insurance defense firm, Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold, and is engaged to Rishi Gupta, a patent lawyer in Dallas; the wedding will be 9/19 in ME. Older daughter Katherine Layhew changed jobs to be with the Law Dept. of Dollar

General Corporation where she'll focus on employment law and litigation management. **Kristi Bettendorf's** daughter Liz Swartz is in grad school at GW in D.C. Kristi's son was about to finish his training as a drone pilot with the Air Force and scheduled to wed AF Lt. Laura McAlister and set up housekeeping in NM. **Barbara Wuehrmann** celebrated 26 yrs. of marriage to Jim Palazolo. Barbara's "smart and hard-working" stepsons live in Orlando (an OB-GYN) and Silicon Valley, CA, (president of Zoll Circulation). They've given Barbara and Jim 2 granddaughters in FL and a grandson and granddaughter in CA. As a family physician, Barb finds part-time work where she and Jim split time between Green Valley, AZ, and Pier-son, MI, and enjoys time in both locations for hiking, birding, photography and travel. **Sherill Marks Byrd's** son Hudson graduated in 5/09 from the U. of the South where son Nelson graduated in '03. Both have put careers on hold to update the Byrd's 5th generation family farm with new technology and equipment. Husband Hugh Hunter is trying to retire while assisting their sons in implementing the new plans. The couple spent the summer at the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, one of the oldest and one of the few left in the U.S. **Patricia Fuller** works as an out-patient psychotherapist specializing in group and couple's therapy. She must have learned a thing or two, for she and husband Lee DeSorger celebrated 35 yrs. of marriage and "the launching of 2 kids who make us laugh more often than tear out our hair." Pat and Lee are involved in local politics on opposite sides of the spectrum, and volunteer with the local food pantry, soup kitchen and emergency reserve corps, as well as serving as a library trustee (Pat) and enjoying bowling (Lee) and the abundance of arts in their area. Pat says she is a nature addict and skis before work when it snows, and walks, canoes, kayaks or bikes the rest of the year.

**Katie Horan** works as a financial advisor and portfolio manager when she's not competing the English cocker spaniels she breeds for agility competitions. One of her cockers is at the top of the sport (#3 English Cocker), so they do a lot of travelling, including to Long Beach, CA, for the AKC Invitational. "It's so rewarding to still be competitive in a physically demanding sport at this age!" Katie writes. "There are wonderful people involved in the sport and it keeps us all young."

**Barbara Brand's** husband Mike has had numerous surgeries for squamous cell carcinoma, and has required radiation and chemotherapy. His recovery has been long and difficult. Barbara credits Mike's great attitude and the staff and facility of Penn State Hershey Medical Center. She promises to be there for our 40th!

**Pam Henery Arey** writes from Severna Park, MD, that she's still working as a preschool director and 3s teacher. Husband Pat and 4 adult children are well; son John married last fall.

**Linda Krensky** and **Louise Jackson** both checked in with me after I sent word of Gale's death, but didn't include any news! Linda inquired about her SBC roomie, **Susan Muller**, who seems to



have disappeared from view. Anyone know where she is? Louise's note only said that things have been "topsy-turvy" at her end. We hope things aren't too dire for either of you, dear classmates, and look forward to hearing more definitive news next time.

Speaking of which, a number of classmates don't have valid e-mail or snail mail addresses on file. If any of you are in touch with a classmate, please ask them to be sure their contact info is updated. We'd hate to have them miss out on our 40th! See you all there!

## 1972

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Thanks to those who joined the Sweet Briar Class of '72 group on Facebook. Go forth and post! Pictures and comments are welcome by all. Remember, I'm the admin, so only our class members are admitted. If you haven't joined, please do!

**Lee Essrig** writes she has a new job in Tampa, FL. Hey, Lee, details please!

**Vivian Finlay** and husband Clyde Boyer moved from Wasilla, AK, (50 mi. north of Anchorage) to Homer, (250 mi. south of Anchorage) near the ocean. Her husband retired, and they've always wanted to spend more time in Homer. Vivian plans to look for part-time psychotherapy work and/or teaching at the local campus of the U. of AK. They travel often, both for Rotary International service work and to see family (7 children, 22 grandchildren, and soon to be 4 great-grandchildren!) and just to travel. In Oct., Vivian will be returning to India, where she grew up, to meet up with her twin sister from Ireland for their 60th birthday. (Vivian's twin sister was at Duke when Vivian was at SBC, prior to transferring to UNC in junior year.) Then Vivian and Clyde will be touring South Africa with a Rotary friendship group.

After 35 yrs. in the classroom, **Susan Desmet Bostic** retired from teaching. She plans to move on to something else, but isn't sure what yet. She's open to suggestions.

In winter '10, **Jeannette Pillsbury** became tenured and promoted to associate professor. In Jun., she was ordained to the transitional diaconate in the Episcopal Church. Jeannette expects to be ordained a priest in Dec. She'll continue as a professor at Luther Coll. and be on a team of volunteer priests at her church in Decorah, Iowa.

After 25 yrs. in healthcare administration **Patricia Reardon Riggins** entered the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX. She was ordained as an Episcopal priest in 1/10 and is currently serving as the Interim Vicar at Church of Reconciliation in Corpus Christi, TX. Husband Mike is an engineer and works for Sandia National Laboratory in Albuquerque, NM and teaches at Texas Lutheran U. Daughter Gloria and husband live in Rio Rancho, NM.

**Kitty Howell Riordan** enjoyed the Bethany Beach, DE, beach trip for the

Annual Riordan Family Reunion. They were about 40 strong this yr. and took up 3 houses! Kitty and husband also enjoyed a Spring Transatlantic Cruise stopping at W. European sites from Azores to England. But the biggest news is that Kitty is leaving retirement after 5 ½ yrs. to reenter the aging field again after 15 yrs. experience, opting for much less management and more front line engagement w/seniors. She'll be activity supervisor at The Virginian Retirement Home in Fairfax, VA. Youngest son is off to Albany Medical School next month after a shift from business and is following his call. Eldest son is very successful w/ consulting firm specializing in operational support of financial institutions. Following the 10 grandchildren and large stepfamily is a delight.

For **Marlon Walker**, being in Barcelona when Spain won the World Cup was great fun, as was sailing the Mediterranean Sea. She rented a car and drove to Dordogne, France, which is beautiful. Marion fears she's losing the race for favorite great aunt with little Mary Knox to her sister because of work — schedule changes are in order. Life is good with great friends and family, books, gardening, sailing and golf.

**Kathy Upchurch Takvorian** has been fortunate to get to know SBC president, Jo Ellen Parker. "She's brilliant, engaged and totally techno-savvy, having had an outstanding pre-Sweet Briar career leading a consortium dedicated largely to interfacing technologic advances w/ higher education, specifically small private colleges. Her blog has introduced aspects of SBC that many of us had no clue about — who knew that an outstanding theatre group spends the summer at Sweet Briar? (Check out her blog: <http://blog.president.sbc.edu>.) Dr. Parker is already taking SBC in new directions, while at the same time responding to the challenges that face all private colleges today. We're lucky to have her!"

Kathy works full-time as clinical chief of rheumatology at UMass Medical School (or is it full and a half?) She's led the design and implementation of a new center (with a lot of help) and overseen about 13,000 patient visits per yr. (her own plus those of 11 other rheumatologists). She teaches students, residents and rheumatology fellows, a weird way to "ease into retirement." Kathy's still married to the same man, lives in the same house in Concord (come visit), and has the same 3 children who are wonderful, but unfortunately grown and not around too much any more. Husband Tak and Kathy have enjoyed 2 trips to Africa in the past 4 summers and could see volunteering there in some medical capacity in the future. She continues to be baffled by how anyone can conquer the game of golf, but loves it. Kathy sees Margaret Hayes Brunstad and Susan Snodgrass Wynne often, generally at weddings (there have been many over the past few years — their children, not hers!) and on Margaret's case trips to Birmingham. They remain close friends. Eileen Gebrian Barberich around the corner; she's hopeful that they'll connect more next year, though they bump into each other from time to time.

**MayMay Bryan Gay** had wedding #3 in Jun. for youngest daughter Margaret — a Gay affair! Had wedding #2 in '08 and all the out of town guests stayed at SBC and the rehearsal dinner was at the Boathouse — so fun! All daughters are married and happy, and daughter #2 Lucy is expecting baby #2 in Aug.! It's a boy!

**Marcia Wittenbrook** writes that she and I are practically twins, with birthdays a day apart. In the middle of a career transition, she broke her ankle volunteering at a church function, so that limited her for a few mos. since she couldn't put weight on her foot or drive. Hope she'll be better soon!

**Kathy Keys Graham** Bill helped son David and daughter-in-law Ruth Ann move out of their Auburn U. apt. to a condo in downtown Chattanooga. In Aug. David defended his master's thesis in civil engineering with a specialty in geotechnical engineering. He started work with a geotechnical company in Chattanooga the day after Labor Day. Ruth Ann spent time in Avignon, France, getting her last 3 credit hours towards a master's in French Education. She had a scholarship from the French government to work along side students from 40 different countries at an international theatre festival in Avignon. Kathy writes her life is way more mundane. She's still working part time for a little gift shop that she loves, and she and Bill split time between their house in Birmingham and their lake house near the Coosa River. She's also in 2 book clubs and enjoys gardening. The Good News is the economy and wine sales are improving and Tropical Storm Bonnie did no damage, writes **DeDe Conley**. No big trips planned this yr. as friends and family are visiting from France. It's fun to show them around Miami even in the big heat. Happy Birthday to all the class of '72 as we face our big birthday this yr. She suggests we should have a "surviving 60" poetry contest!

DeDe is on email a lot, Twitter, LinkedIn, Salesforce.com and a couple of web sites her company has already. A good story about why she can keep up with emails — her dad made her take typing classes one summer saying "You can always get a job!" not knowing that with the computer revolution, being able to type 80 words a min. would be a real plus. Only once, just after coll., did she have to type for her salary. Dede broke her arm the last day of SBC, falling off of Goodyear, a horse who had been ill and given too many oats (truly!) He ran away with her in the ring filled with lots of scared first-yr. riders, whom she tried to avoid, leading Goodyear in smaller and smaller circles. But, she didn't stay in the saddle for the last circle and sat in the sawdust for 3 hrs. with a broken right humerus until the local Lynchburg hospital ambulance could find the barn! So, with a broken arm, she couldn't go into the Peace Corps as planned right away. After 6 mos. of healing, she got a job with the FL Dept. of Pollution Control in Ft. Lauderdale as a secretary. Way before computers, she still had to use correction tape for errors! But she didn't type for long since the engineers didn't like giving community talks on pollution, and DeDe volunteered. She spent the

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rest of the yr. giving talks on pollution in local schools and business meetings. When she resigned to go into the Peace Corps, they actually offered her a beginning engineer position with education if she would stay, but the Peace Corps beckoned. She left for Tunisia and lots of adventures! Another good anecdote is that she got a final review before leaving and got Outstanding on all except "dress" because there was a dress code that women could only wear pants if they wore a "jacket to cover the hips." DeDe wore pants without a jacket almost every day. She also bought some very high stacked heel sandals, which made her about 6'3" and "looked down" on most of the guys to complete the effect. Just her way of pushing the glass ceiling!

**Charla Reynolds** writes "Happy 60" and says that it's really not that bad. She's been here since Jan. with no ill effects. Her husband keeps getting younger and has done a few triathlons. Charla tries to bike a lot and even did Bike Virginia this yr., over 100 mi. in 2 days! Charla is starting with Continuum Home Care as a leased speech pathologist from Culpeper. It's loads of new stuff to learn, and she hopes her old brain is up to the computer training. Technology over the past 10 yrs. is amazing in the area of health care and electronic medical records. Husband Tom and Charla just returned from a fun 10 days in MN where their youngest son and his wife just moved. She's doing her residency in ER and internal medicine and so will be in the twin cities area for the next 5 yrs. William has a job with an engineering firm so is also gainfully employed. Older son Keith lives in Richmond employed as a banker with BB&T. They feel blessed.

No babies, no reunions, writes **Bev Horne Dummerich**. Son John graduated from Stetson U. Coll. of Law in May and his father, an alumnus, got to hand him the diploma! John, pere, and Bev went to France the following week for a week in Paris, 2 days at the French Open, and then a bike trip through Normandy & Brittany. The real beauty about the trip was that they "ate like pigs," croissants daily, desserts, cheeses, drank numerous bottles of wine, and they gained ZERO weight! (Stinkers!)

Judge **Jane Powell Gray** made it through big 6-0 last Nov. and has celebrated all yr. long! Son Matthew got married last 7/11 to Lauren Bailey and they had a magical weekend at Atlantic Beach — perfect weather. They celebrated their 1st anniv. and are happy as ever. The best part is they live in Raleigh and Jane gets to see them often. Husband Frank survived another legislative session and is still hard at work in his law firm. As for Jane's campaign news, she finished a close 2nd (less than 1% behind) in the May primary and is on the ballot in Nov. for a seat on the NC Court of Appeals. She'd love all SBCers who either live in NC or have family and friends who live here to support her! To get more info, please



visit her website: [www.judgejanegray.com](http://www.judgejanegray.com). She got a lovely email of encouragement from **Marty Neill Boney**. No big trips this yr. other than a long weekend in NYC after the primary. Her sister, Judy '69, met them and along with Frank's brother and his partner, who live in Brooklyn. They had a great time eating their way through the city. She gained back all the weight she'd lost during the primary, but it was well worth it! Jane's nephew is getting married in Oct. in Williamsburg, so that will be a quick trip home to celebrate the big event. Next May, Jane will cruise the Mediterranean with friends.

**Anne Garrett Norloff** and husband Chris live in Falls Church, VA, where Anne is an attorney representing abused kids. She can't wait to retire! Son Evan married Vera from Russia and he's in IT in D.C. Daughter Alison and Mike have baby Ivy who just turned 2. Alison owns a "green" diaper service in Charlotte NC. Daughter Morgan married Stuart and is an attorney in Portland, OR. Adopted foster daughters: Fallon is a deputy sheriff in Alexandria and Hale is a nurse at Arlington Hospital. And, Anne writes she has far too many parrots!

**Tina Hall Baugher** met up for cocktails and dinner with **Karen Medford**, **Mary Heller**, **Dale Shelly Graham**, **Janet Nelson Gibson**, **Eileen Gebrian** and moi at our annual Jun. mini Reunion at Karen's lovely Rehoboth Beach, DE, house. The next day, we all had cocktails at Tina's equally lovely beach house. Cocktails are so good at this age. And, so is the gossip!

And, as always, please send any email address changes! If you aren't getting my rare emails, I do not have your email address. Again, not that I'm a rabid social media fan, but do check in, look, laugh, and contribute whatever to the Facebook Group, **Sweet Briar Class '72**. Big Thanks to all.

## 1973

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**Michele "Mitch" Dore** writes: "I'm a metalsmith in Prescott Valley, AZ. You can get my bio from the past 30 yrs. from the web at [doremetsmith.com](http://doremetsmith.com). Also I have another website, [artinurnest.com](http://artinurnest.com), for my new custom pet urn business. I've spent the last 5 yrs. doing R&D to help develop the process I'll use to make the urns.

"I moved to Phoenix in '84 from MI, where I was in grad. school, and I moved to Prescott Valley in '05 to get away from the increasing heat. Very ac-

tive in democratic politics and gay rights issues. My partner of 7 yrs. is JoAnn Keller, wonderful person. She has 2 wonderful children from a marriage.

"My folks have passed way. I had the Disneyland ticket for parents. They were top drawer! Lind, my sister worked for Sweet Briar from '71 to '73. She was killed in a car accident in '97. I'll miss her forever!"

## 1975

**Johna Pierce Stephens**

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**Bet Bashinsky Wise** and Doug moved to MT from TN 2 yrs. ago. Bet says, "It's been interesting learning the seasons after being southerners our entire lives; hearty souls in these parts. The best Christmas gift ever from my husband has been a dual control electric mattress pad!" Son Case lives in Chattanooga and visited them for the 1st time this summer. He had bad health and started a new job so Bet's traveled to see him. Although she claims she's not too sure how much longer she's going to pursue "this jumping game," Bet was preparing for horse trials as she wrote in. In '09, Bet and Doug saw **Gail Ann Zarwell Winkler** and family on a cross country drives.

**Sarah Clement** is an administrative judge for the Fed government in Alexandria, VA, often biking to work! She misses her mom, Martha Mansfield Clement SBC '48, who was her housemate for 16 yrs. until she died in 3/09. Sarah has 2 dogs, 6 nieces and nephews, no kids, no husband and no regrets! Sarah says, "Lots of my cohorts at my agency are around my age and looking to retire in the next 3-5 yrs., but I'll likely be working until I'm a ripe old 70 and coming in here with a bad temper and a cane (that's what I threaten our support staff with, anyway)!" Maureen Hynes '74 visited, staying with Sarah instead of a hotel during a conference in D.C. and they laughed like the old days. Sarah hopes all are well and healthy.

**Catherine Cranston Whitham** missed being at Reunion, but her mother's 80th birthday took precedence. Catherine is busy with volunteer responsibilities "that don't take the summer off!" She visited her daughter and her husband in MT, hiking in Glacier National Park and "hoping to keep up with the 30-some-things and their dogs!"

**Bev Crispin Heffernan** still enjoys UT after 15 yrs.! Husband Jim is eligible for retirement, but not ready, still likes being a judge. Bev can retire (she's Environmental Group Chief, Bureau of Reclamation in Provo) in 2 yrs. and thinks she just will and go play! Son Jimmy (29), works for Fed Ex in Sandy, UT; Chris (24) is at the U. of UT, getting his degree in history and also works for Enterprise Rent-A-Car. Bev has 2 horses, still trail rides and foxhunts, a bit of golfing in summer and skiing in winter. They

traveled to Egypt last fall, and will be going to Russia and Prague at the end of 8/10. She'll also be spending a wk. in Lexington, KY, in early Oct. with roommates **Cynde Manning Chatham**, **Nancy Haight** and **Robin Singleton Cloyd**. They plan to see the World Equestrian Games, the Louisville Slugger factory and no doubt a bourbon distillery! Bev is "traveling to Houston more often to help the parents age as gracefully as possible, which isn't always easy as I'm sure many of you know!"

**Coni Crocker Betzendahl** was busy in 2009 planning the wedding of their eldest, Lindsay, to Marc Apfelbaum. In fall, post-wedding, Coni went to their place in VT for 3 mos. of riding and fox-hunting, whipping-in for North Country Hounds. Richard came up when he could from the boat. Winter 2010 was spent skiing and snowmobiling in VT and new-boat-shopping in FL. In Jun., they bought a 54' boat and brought it up via ocean and intercoastal waterway to Cape May, where it is now. Summer 2010 was been spent fishing the canyons off NJ coast for tuna and marlin and having both their daughters and significant others on the boat too. Richard still does his import export of rare gases, and Coni dabbles in watercolor and graphic design for her favorite customers. They're in the process of selling their PA home, looking for land to build on as they don't spend much time there between VT and Cape May. Coni hopes all are well.

**Mary Dubuque Desloge** and Chris are in St. Louis, where Mary sells real estate at Janet McAfee Inc., a locally owned agency in St. Louis. On the side she sells at a shoe boutique for a friend's daughter where she tries "not to get into too much trouble." Their 3 sons are in town, each in different fields: sales, law and marketing. Mary hopes all are well.

**Linda Frazier-Snelling** lives in West Seattle with husband Michael. She moved there over a yr. ago to help daughter Catherine with 3 of her grandchildren: Joaquin (3), Sequoia (9) and Dahlia (12). She resigned from the biotech world last Dec. and works part-time in Shoreline, north of Seattle. Son Chris lives near Los Angeles with his wife and 2 children: Dylan (3) and Emma (8 mos.) Moving to Seattle from San Diego was a change, and it meant not seeing her other grandchildren as much as before, but Linda at least stayed on the West Coast. She enjoyed returning to SBC for the 35th reunion and seeing all who attended from our class, some notably pictured on her Facebook page, which included roommate **Ellen Harrison Saunders**. During that same weekend, Linda's sister graduated from Mary Baldwin Coll. at age 40, after already pursuing another career, getting married and having 2 boys! It was a memorable weekend!

**Melissa Greenwood Riemer** is acting steadily, loves it. She became an ensemble member of Steep Theatre in Chicago several yrs. ago and that takes up a lot of time. When she's not acting there or at another theater, she says, "I'm up to my nose in the regular world volunteering, helping my parents who live near us, travelling when we can." Jeff is still with BovisLendlease and

loves what he does. Emily and Katherine are both nearby, living and working in Chicago: Emily works at Opportunity International as a Marketing Specialist (taking care of their blogs, web presence, etc.) and Katherine is an Account Executive at Golin Harris Public Relations.

**Ellen Harrison Saunders** and Whitney are still in Suffolk, VA. Harrison (27) is a landscape architect in the D.C. area, Mary-Carson (24) will enter William and Mary School of Law in a few wks. and Grace (18) will be a freshman at Sewanee in TN. Ellen says they're not ready to be empty nesters! She loves seeing **Betsy Brooks Jones** and **Kathy Rose Rawls** often and will miss working with **Catherine Cranston Whitham** on a Garden Club of VA committee. Catherine recently was the 1st recipient of the President's Award, from the GCV. She was instrumental in working to establish a development program for the GCV.

**Mary Henningsen Collins** had a mini-reunion in NY with **Rose Anne Toppin Cranz**— said she looks great. Their oldest daughter just finished graduate school in forensic psychology and 2 others are still in coll. at GW in D.C. Mary writes, "We're hoping they all get jobs and liberate their parents!"

**Carol Leslie St. John** was sorry to miss Reunion. She threw her back out the day before and couldn't do the car ride. She's 2 yrs. out from breast cancer, doing well. Although she went the traditional methods of treatment with surgeries, chemo and radiation, Carol swears it's her alternative therapies that are keeping her feeling so great: reiki, acupuncture, yoga and a new diet and nutrition plan. She never lets a day go by without being incredibly grateful to be here. She wrote "A note to all of my SBC friends: ALWAYS ask for a written report after your mammogram, and DO self-breast exams no matter what the AMA said last yr.!" Carol's still doing interior design and the family's well: Bryan (29) graduated from NYU Stern with his MBA this spring, lives in NYC and works as director of finance at Ad-Safe Media in NY; Kevin (26) works in Equity Sales and Trading at Credit Suisse in San Francisco; Harry (22) graduated W&L last yr., lives in NY and works at Media 6. Tommy's company has weathered the economic times and is doing well. They spent the summer at the beach, and Bryan and Harry trained down every weekend along with friends. They see Kevin whenever they can but think they've lost him to CA and can't blame him!

**Denise Montgomery** thought Reunion was great, even though there were only about 21 from '75 and 2 husbands! Denise spent a wk. with Gerry in May and a wk. with Jeanne mostly on Cape Cod in Jun. She saw Edward Gorey's house and went to her 1st drive-in movie in 34 yrs., seeing a double feature of "Marmaduke" and "Date Night" with Tina Fey. Denise finished the book she's been writing for 4 yrs.; it should be available next spring from Scarecrow Press, but she doesn't expect to sell a lot of copies unless you either teach drama, run a theater company, or are a reference librarian, since it is the 8th edition of an index to the contents of anthologies of plays, as well as an index



to playwrights by country, ethnic group, gender and LGBT status. Her health is good now; unfortunately, her father was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and is showing signs of macular degeneration. Denise says she's lucky he's married to a strong and capable woman in her mid-60s who loves him.

**Lynn Norris Pfeiffer** is finishing her 1st yr. as full time organist/choir director at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Belleview, FL. At 55 last yr., she finally realized her lifelong dream and still loves it. Husband John is fine; their 2 sons are "hanging in there" during these hard times.

**Johna Pierce Stephens** stays busy in "retirement" with volunteer activities (mostly environmental), equine sports and elder care. Her Dad (93) still lives on the farm with Bettie (82). Tom's Mom (82) still lives on her huntbox in Casanova. Johna helps wherever she can whenever she's needed. She burped out of retirement briefly last Nov. (as a favor to a friend) to conduct a media tour for explorer and broadcaster Piers Gibbon as part of a National Geographic Channel series, but tries not to take things too seriously. Daughter Rachael studied at the Sorbonne in Paris under Bryn Mawr's junior study abroad program and in Oct., Johna and Tom spent 10 lovely days in Paris with her for their wedding anniv.! Rachael interned at a sustainable asset management firm in Philly for the summer, learning lots about sustainable investing, conducting outreach and event planning; she returns for her senior yr. at BMC this fall. Tom is still in institutional investing and sponsoring drag racing cars (2). They travel to races across the country; Johna trail rides her horse and looks forward to cool weather and fox-hunting, hikes with the family dog, and is venturing into wildlife photography.

**Celia Robertson Queen** has 2 new grandsons, Henry and Wade, both of whom are healthy and loud! They plan to visit Pawleys Island in 9/10, but their most favorite spot to relax is at their place in western NC near Highlands, where they can escape the heat in Columbia. Celia took her mother, Mary Barrett Robertson '48 of Augusta, to Edisto Beach to visit Celia's brother and family for a weekend, a lovely time.

**Anne Ross Shippe** and Jim are still in C'ville and still working! One son turned 26 on 7/11 and lives in C'ville, working for UVA's Investment Foundation as an investment analyst. Anne had an absolute blast at the 35th, beginning with a "mini-reunion" the night before with **Elaine Altice Saman** and husband **Saman**, **Betsey Clay Rizo**, **Sandra** and **Maria Vonetes**, **Ginny Shippe Cameron**, **Heather McLeod Gale** and then onto SBC after breakfast. She met up with a lot of the classmates, caught up on everything and vowed to stay in closer touch through Facebook, e-mail, etc. Anne says, "Hopefully for the 40th, we'll have even more attend. Hope all are well."

**Janet Shepperd Kelleher** missed reunion as her aunt, whom she had been caring for, had just died and Janet was "in a blue funk for a while." She worked through that, however, while vacationing this summer for 2 wks. at Hilton Head Island, 2 wks. at the Chesapeake Bay, a

wk. at Massanutten and a wk in AZ. All 3 children married in the last 3 yrs. and are well. In addition to Macro, Inc., Ed has started a new company called Palmetto Aeronautic Corp. Janet says he'll be launching rockets before long! And, although she's had several short stories published, she's still perfecting her Southern novel, *The Chest Beneath God's Beard*. She spends much of her time volunteering. She noted, "I've been blessed with 10 cancer-free yrs. since my breast cancer diagnosis, so life is good and I enjoy every min."

**Ginny Shippe Cameron** raved about Reunion! First, a mini reunion in C'ville (See **Anne Shippe** entry) — they enjoyed a great dinner and breakfast celebration, courtesy of Anne's mom, who took such good care of the gang in coll. Then on to SB, minus Heather and the Vonetes sisters, who couldn't make it. They stayed in the new townhouses, right down from **Anne Cogswell Burris**, **Wendy Wise Routh**, **Chris Hoefer Meyers** and **Ann Wesley Ramsey**. Ginny said, "We had a blast! It felt like we never left SBC!" Ginny's son Andrew and wife Lauren are expecting their 1st child in Jan.; she can't wait to be a grandmother for the 2nd time. Ginny hopes all are well, look her up on Facebook!

**Sarah "Sally" Smith Freeman** enthused, "I've made many trips to and from SBC in the last yr. and I can report the campus is even lovelier than I remembered it so many yrs. ago." Oldest daughter Sarah Elizabeth Freeman started at SBC in '09 and younger daughter Catherine C. begins this yr. A pink and green flag forever blows in the wind outside the Freeman front door! In 8/09, Sally, her husband and Sarah went to a fantastic "new student" party at Ann Kiley Crenshaw's ('76) home in VB. Her family was so warm to all of the new girls and her home is spectacular! An elegant iron dog (with pearls on) greeted the guests as they arrived. Sally would love to hear from anyone from SBC at esqfree-man@aol.com.

**Barbie Tafel Thomas** is an exterior designer, loves her work! With her own business, she has the flexibility to play tennis on several competitive teams and have fun in between jobs. Barbie divorced (3 yrs. ago after 30 yrs. of marriage) and just when she was getting her feet back, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Last Jul., she had a double mastectomy, followed by chemo and radiation. She just had reconstructive surgery this past Jul., the day after winning the state USTA tennis tournament! Barbie's children are all boat captains in different capacities: Grant (32) is a Coast Guard officer and spent last yr. in Bahrain as the CO of one of the large cutters. He was married in June in D.C. (why Barbie missed reunion) and is now the CO of a ship off the coast of NC. Clay (30) is a private boat captain for an 80' sailboat based out of Ft. Lauderdale. Daughter Lee (28) and her fiancé are the directors of J-World Sailing School in San Diego, where they teach and race; they planned to be married in Louisville in Sept.

**Gwynne Taggart Barter-Martin** and Bill purchased a 2800-square-ft. new construction in 7/07, and have been

making the house a home, along with landscaping and hardscaping. In between, they've made several trips to FL, Las Vegas, and Jamaica. Daughter Adrienne (25) and beau, Christopher (26), have their wedding planned for 9/10/10, so Gwynne and Bill plan a trip to Puerto Rico in late Sept. Gwynne sad to have missed the 35th, but her niece's wedding was in NYC at that time! She's still with Tricorp as an Operations Specialist/Member Account Specialist and Bill is still busy with his appraisal business.

**Dorsey Tillett Northrup** missed reunion because her daughter graduated coll. Dorsey ended a 10-yr. run in real estate in '08 and is painting and traveling, camera in hand. She rafted down CO with the kids in '08, biked from Bruge to Amsterdam in '09, and is having "a yr. of boring stories in '10" but is heading to Australia and New Zealand and back to the Netherlands in 2011 to bike through the tulips.

**Bonnie Walton Mayberry** retired 5 yrs. ago, having taught 1st grade at Elon Elem. Right after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's, her mother broke her hip, and Bonnie helped care for her until she passed away. Daughter Megan and husband Judson adopted 2 babies (now 3). They are 2 ½ mos. apart and seem like twins! Bonnie keeps them 3 days a wk., loves being Nannie and being retired; Jerry still works at Areva in Lynchburg.

**Carroll Waters Summerour** writes, "Life is great here in Lake Toxaway, NC!" Daughter Kaki got married in Jun.; Toby did the ceremony and there wasn't a dry eye in the house! Their son and daughter-in-law are expecting their 2nd grandchild in Aug.

**Missy Nesbitt Voigt** only went to SBC for one yr. (1971-1972), but writes: "I've spent quite a bit of time there since, in 2003, our oldest son, John, started dating a girl who was a student at SBC (Virginia-Anne Fowler '04). We attended her graduation, and lo and behold, they married at SB this past spring on 4/17. We couldn't have asked for a more lovely and unique place for a wedding. While we were there, I kept asking myself why in the world I ever transferred. I loved Vanderbilt, but there's no prettier campus anywhere!" Missy and family have been in Nashville since '82. Her husband practices health care law, and she's busy keeping up with their 3 (now 4) children, one working in Boulder, CO, one teaching for the Peace Corps in China and the newlyweds moving to Nashville. Missy says she looks "forward to class news. It always surprises me how many people I remember when I read the alumnae news!"

## 1976

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Plan ahead girls! Our 35th reunion is around the corner!

**Lynn Kahler Rogerson** directs Art Services International and develops international museum exhibitions, currently with shows of kimono, Victorian painting and Fernando Botero traveling.

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Lynn rejoined the SBC Friends of Art Board. Daughter Olivia adores 6th grade at National Cathedral School. At Christmas Lynn skied with **Norris Judd Ferguson** and family in Crested Butte, CO. This summer Olivia and Lynn will visit Africa. Lynn enjoys getting together in Washington with **Maureen O'Hern Slowinski** and **Sally Crickenburger Brady**.

**Kari Shipley's** (Delray Beach, FL) children have all graduated from coll. and have jobs. "I'm busy raising money for 4 charities, chairing several fundraisers and serving on boards and as a deacon at our church. I also paint, play golf and travel." Kari hopes to get back to her vacation home in Lake Toxaway, NC, this summer to fly fish and hike with her husband and dog.

**Tricia Cassidy O'Callahan** threw a surprise party with several other alumnae for Janet **Granger** who was getting re-married. The party was at Tricia's house in Rye, NY, and Janet was so surprised when the girls from Charlotte and Atlanta jumped out from behind the curtains! Janet married Tim Bryse and lives in Rye, as does **Kate Kelly Smith**. Janet has 7 new step-children in addition to her 4. All are grown. Tricia is still prosecuting, this time on an organized crime commission. Trisha's husband Harold, to whom she has been married for 10 yrs., is nearly retired. Trisha's son Timothy Higgins graduated from the Lawrenceville School and Holy Cross and works for Wells Fargo Securities in NYC. Trisha remarked that "[i]t was great to be with SBC friends; it felt like they had never left each other!"

**Marshá Taylor Horton** is Regional Chair of Clinical Studies for Wilmington U. in DE, while busily parenting Sam (10) and Jasmine "Jazz" (7). They visit Richmond often, seeing Auntie Sandra Taylor '74. Last yr., Marshá and the kids had a mini reunion with **Keedie Grones Leonard** and kids, Cole and Belle. "My kids had big fun driving a scooter, milking cows and archery. A highlight was a trip to the VA Safari Park, complete with a camel grabbing a bag of food right out of the car window!" Marshá recently accepted an invitation to rejoin the SBC Board of Directors in fall.

**Kelsey Griffo Grice** is in VA Beach, playing way too much tennis, going to school and trying to figure out what to do next! Kelsey has spent a lot of time traveling the East Coast. Daughter McKenzie graduated in May from the U. of Miami (theatre and business law). McKenzie is in her 2nd yr. as a Miami Dolphins Cheerleader and also works at Nordstrom in Merrick Park. Son Parker is in his 3rd yr. at High Point U. in NC, and social chair of Lambda Chi. Husband Chuck is busy with his yacht brokerage. Even though Kelsey lives at the beach she escapes to the Jersey shore whenever possible. She just got back from Long Beach Island visiting Bruce Fisher (UVA, Theta Delt '75) and family, and plan to go to Stone Harbor in September.

**Marilyn Mare Moran** works for a multi-practice law firm as director of



client relations, writing press releases, quarterly newsletters and website content; planning seminars and events; and overseeing all marketing and client services. Son Chris starts high school this yr. and loves videography and photography. He is taking a semester elective in digital photography. Mare still loves their house in Larchmont, NY, which is about 8 blocks from the harbor.

**Kay Ellisor Hopkins's** middle child, daughter Beth married in 5/09 in Houston — a joyous occasion. **Tennessee Nielsen** and **Cissy Humphrey** attended, as did an aunt and 2 cousins who attended SBC. Her youngest, John, completed a 5-yr. program at Texas A&M in 5/10 and earned a bachelor's degree in accounting and master's in finance. He has completed the CPA exam and will work for Ernst & Young in Dallas. Her oldest, Sarah, works for an advertising agency in Dallas. Kay's daughters are A&M grads also. Kay has been with Neiman Marcus 22 yrs. Tennessee, Cissy, **Beth Bates Locke** and Kay get together on a regular basis. Beth's daughter, Becky, is a first-yr. at U. of North TX. Kay says **Kathy Whichard Poston** has a granddaughter and is expecting a 2nd grandchild (daughter Kayce's children). Kathy's son, McLean, was engaged. Kay wants to attend the next reunion. It's been 20 yrs. since she has made it to SBC; she'd love to see everyone.

**Robin Rodgers Heller's** youngest, Elizabeth, is at Alma Coll. (small liberal arts coll. in MI) making her family empty nesters. Her son is studying business and her daughter plans to study psychology. Husband Bill took Lizzie on a business trip to TX and they visited with **Cissy Humphrey**. Robin chatted by Skype and Cissy assured me that she used discretion in describing our coll. antics to our coll.-bound daughter! Robin is busy running LocalMotionGreen, an environmental health nonprofit, and doing lots of volunteer work with Junior League, garden clubs, clinic for disabled youth and sitting on various nonprofit boards. The 1st round of renovations on their 100+yr.-old home is almost complete. It's now listed on the National Register of Historic Places and received an historic plaque from our local historical society. She has ample guest accommodations for classmates visiting the Detroit area. Just give Robin a call or email.

**Meg Shields Duke** hasn't seen many SBC classmates this yr., although she has visited with 3 surrogates. Meg's family got to meet and host for dinner **Kate Kelly Smith's** daughter Isabel, who was a houseguest of daughter Caroline's oldest childhood friend. Meg took everybody out for a graduation celebration dinner. (Isabel: Gettysburg '10; Caroline: Colby '10.) Darling girl, no surprise there! Meg visited with SBC surrogates, including longtime SBC alumnae board rep from Denver; Jane Borden '68, who moved to W. Hartford; and SBC current big board member from Denver Judy Grant '66. Hoping for more '76 visits in 2010/11. **Mary Beth Hamlin Finke** and Meg have planned to reunite at SBC's Homecoming to help plan reunion. Meg and Mary Beth would absolutely adore for others to join them!

**Karina Schless** went to coll. yr. abroad reunion ('75) to Rome in May, a

great time! She is going back out west (WY/MT) to ranch to ride/hike, etc. & then down to Grand Teton Park to Jackson Hole (been going 20 yrs. now). Karina's job was eliminated after 29 yrs. with Pfizer. She's starting a temp job at Cephalon, in their compliance dept. for couple mos.

**Becky Burt's** adventures in jewelry are bearing fruit. In addition to showing her pieces monthly at the Mid-City Art Market in New Orleans, she's been juried in as a member of the Louisiana Craft Guild. This group takes only the best craftspeople from the southeast part of the U.S. Becky was waitlisted as an artist for Jazz Fest, but couldn't participate due to her stepfather (92) having emergency intestinal surgery. Becky displayed at the Renaissance Fine Art Festival in Ridgeland, MS, in May, and teaches weekly metalsmithing classes in New Orleans at NOLA Art and Craft, part of the New Orleans Conservation Guild. Finally, she was selected as one of 6 artists to be featured in "Louisiana Artists: Profiles on Canvas," a short film produced by the Louisiana Public Broadcasting as part of their annual fundraising Art and Travel auction.

**Kate Kelly Smith** looks forward to reunion. Niece Olivia Smith is entering the fresh-yr. class and Kate looks forward to many visits to SBC. Daughter Isabel graduated from Gettysburg Coll. and will be going to graduate school in nutrition and public policy at Tufts U. in Boston. We're thrilled. Kate hopes all of our class is into decorating as we become empty nesters. I'm in my 4th yr. as the VP/Publisher of House Beautiful and you can now get your decorating inspiration from many formats: the magazine, the website [housebeautiful.com](http://housebeautiful.com), the mobile [mhousebeautiful.com](http://mhousebeautiful.com) and with the June issue on the iPad. Kate enjoys seeing lots of friends, including **Treacy Markey Shaw**, **Janet Thompson Burn**, **Tricia Cassidy O'Callahan**, **Laura Lee Bost** and **Katy Cochran**.

**Debbie Mutch Olander** finished her Ph.D. in musicology at FL State and moved to Ponte Vedra Beach. Debbie has had a challenging yr., but she's fortunate to have family nearby for part of the yr. Debbie was terribly saddened to hear of Karl Tamburr's passing and recalls that she and **Peggy Weimer** were his 1st thesis students at SBC.

**Debbie Massie Thurman's** 2nd daughter, Natalie, was wed in Lynchburg, VA on 5/22 to 1st Lt. James Fowler, USA. Step-daughter Jessica is marrying 7/3/10 in Baltimore, which completes the trio. Daughter Jenni set the pace in '08, and 'twas at their wedding that Jesse met her husband-to-be. Russ and Debbie are empty nesters (3 cats and a dog), making trips to SBC campus to swim, play tennis and walk the trails. Life is good. She's always writing something and looking forward to his retirement from publishing soon.

**Trish Talbott Reed** had a busy summer. Oldest daughter Meghan completed her 1st yr. as a 4th grade teacher. She's getting married 7/24, so Trish is busy with that. Daughter Ashley graduated from UMW in May and plans to be assistant coach for coll. basketball and go to graduate school. Wrightly attends East TN, is suffering through summer school. Her youngest, Carrington,

is headed to ECU in fall, interested in occupational therapy. Sadly, Trish's Dad passed away this May. He had urged her to attend SBC and he was right: great education, great friendships, and great foundation to build on. Tom and Trish completed renovations on their home on Gwynn Island on the Chesapeake Bay, great weekend get away and possible retirement home at some point. Trish caught up with **Melanie Holland Rice**, **Sally Old Kitchin** and **Ann Kiley Crenshaw** at the wedding of Melanie's daughter — a beautiful wedding and she loved the picture of the SBC grads. Not bad for '76 grads!

**Virginia Spangler Polley** says Frank graduated from Georgetown, looking for a job in D.C. The family visited Greece as a graduation present. David and Gina started a new business. David has been in the carpet industry for 50 yrs., and they've started their own carpet manufacturing co. Her custom cremation urn business is chugging along. Gina is putting her new MBA degree to use. She still is involved in riding and showing American Saddlebred horses. She uses Facebook to reconnect with classmates and hopes more join. Gina looks forward to reunion.

**Cissy Humphrey** sees **Beth Bates Locke**, **Tennessee Nielsen** and **Kay Ellisor Hopkins** for Girls Night Out every 8 wks. She hears from Candi Casey in Chicago via email.

**Mary Beth Hamlin Finke's** daughter Caroline graduates from Mount Holyoke Coll. in 5/11 with a degree in astrophysics and French and completed a semester in Paris with SBC's JYF program. So although she didn't opt to attend SBC, MB feels she can consider her daughter an alumna! Son Hollis will be a junior boarder at Episcopal H. S., making her an empty nester. She's been dating my old friend from coll. Days, Jim Shannon, who lives in Richmond. Friends may remember him since he was "down the road" a fair bit in those days! **Peggy Weimer Parrish** and MB took our kids to Loire and Paris on vacation last summer, and **Meg Shields Duke** and MB still get together to ski at her home in Vail annually. MB and her daughter met Meg's daughter Margo while she was living in NYC. **Margot Mahoney Budin** and David gave a brunch on 7/4/10. **Carrington Brown Wise** has visited her quite often in Chicago the past few yrs. while she has been taking teaching courses. Carrington even brought her daughter Annie (SBC) to stay one time. Carrington, **Margaret Miller Mallory** and MB have been invited by **Lochrane Coleman Smith** to visit Loch and Mel in Birmingham this fall. Margaret and Bart came to Chicago last fall and we had a ball seeing Jersey Boys, then running into the stars of the cast on the street! **Lisa Nelson Robertson** and MB ran into one another at a UVA football game. MB had a great time a yr. ago making a swing through Dallas, San Antonio and Houston where she saw our TX classmates, **Dede Ryan Ale**, **Cissy Humphrey**, **Beth Bates Locke**, **Tennessee Nielsen** and **Kay Ellisor Hopkins**. MB's been in touch with Cora Snyder '77 in Charlottesville. Joella Schneider Samp '77 and husband Rich invited Peggy, **Elliott Graham Schoenig** and husband Jerry, **Alix Colley Wilson**, and

Jim and MB to a weekend at VA Beach last summer. **Sally Mott Randolph** came through Chicago and they took pictures at "The Bean" and had lunch in Millennium Park. Sally, husband John, Jim and MB attended **Cathy Slatinshek's** marriage celebration last summer (to Bill Prillaman) in the Northern Neck. Bill is an architect and designed the home he and Slatas have moved to, truly beautiful. Bill teaches tennis on the side. Sally and John hosted a pre-wedding reception attended by Paula Brum '77, **Sally Mott Freeman**, **Megan Morgan**, **Meg Shields Duke**, **Caroline Bickel McLoughlin**, **Becky Dane '77**, **Mary Beth Hamlin**, **Peggy Weimer Parrish**, **Maggie Shriver '77**, **Ookle Hays Cooper** and **Margot Mahoney Budin**. "Meg and I had to sing the toast we delivered at the event!" MB still works part time for family businesses in NC and SC and has added trips to as many east coast spots as possible. MB will be at Homecoming in Sept. Unfortunately she'll have to miss our 35th reunion (this will be the 1st time) since it's the same weekend as her daughter's coll. graduation.

**Cynde Seiler Eister's** city had the pleasure of hosting the making of the movie "Baseball Dreams." She played an extra and enjoyed working on an actual film set. She enjoyed the wedding of son Ronald and bride Meghan in Oct. Youngest daughter, Laura, moved to NYC to take a position with the NY Times. Ron and I celebrated 30 yrs. of marriage in Jun. and have planned a trip to Israel and Jordan in fall.

**Ann Kiley Crenshaw** hosted the celebration sending our local students back to Vixen land. **Sally Old Kitchin** entertained our new president, Jo Ellen Parker, at her home. It was wonderful to catch up with alumnae of all classes, including Sally's own Maria Kitchin '04. Sally had a lovely dinner party for **Cathy Slatinshek** and Bill, who live in the Northern Neck of VA. Sally encourages you to come to Homecoming and Reunion!

I'm (Ann Kiley Crenshaw) happy that both of my boys will be at UVA next yr. Gordon will finish his 4th yr. in the Commerce School and Clarke Jr. will return to attend Darden. Gordon spent the summer in NYC working in investment banking. Clarke and I intend not to miss UVA home games this season! I stay busy with my law practice and volunteer work. Look forward to seeing you all at Reunion!

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Please send an email address updates to me (address above!) If you're on Facebook, we have a group! Also some of your news below may have been edited due to the word limit.

**Debbie Koss McCarthy:** Our news is the birth of our 1st grandchild, Anna Grace Ramey to our daughter Courtney and John in Atlanta. Alex is in NYC so both of our offspring are in fun places to visit.



**Angela Scully:** Serving as exec. dir. of the Darlington Arts Center in Garnet Valley, PA. Still painting. Almost empty nesters as the 2nd of our 2 children is graduating from coll. Planning to travel with my sister Eileen '78 to Hong Kong where she'll give a paper on "madness and psychopathology of global free trade."

**Cathy Goodhart Henson:** I'm looking forward to traveling with SBC to Italy in 10/10. 2 of my daughters married W&L men: Susie married Taylor Marshall in 8/08. They live and practice law in Little Rock. Catherine married Alex Culet in 6/10. My youngest child, Laura, is in the Peace Corps in Mozambique.

**Becky Mayer Gutierrez:** Life is great, 3 healthy, happy sons and 3 healthy, happy grandsons. Teaching 5th grade, will spend a week on the beach with family in ME this summer and hope to visit my son stationed in Heidelberg, Germany next summer.

**Elen Sellers McDowell:** Oldest child Emily is finished a master's in Geology from U. of TX and moved to Houston to start a job. Ginny graduated from TCU and works in Dallas. Mary Susan is going to be a junior at TCU and youngest child Kate is headed to Samford U. in Birmingham, AL, this fall. I hope to see Lochrane Coleman Smith '76 and Eve Jackson London '78 when I go to drop Kate off in Aug. Kate and I went on a church trip to England. Rex still travels between Dallas and AL for business. This summer, we visited the beach in Destin, FL, which were beautiful, contrary to news reports.

**Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn:** I continue to serve on the SB Visiting Committee for Riding, and enjoy returning to campus for meetings. **Toni Bredin Massie** is on this committee too, always good to see her. I ride regularly. 9/09 I attended SBC Homecoming during which our new president, Jo Ellen Parker, was inaugurated, a new fitness facility dedicated (it's amazing!) and SBC lacrosse coach, the late Jennifer Crispin and former SBC director of riding, Paul Cronin, were inducted into the SBC Athletic Hall of Fame. I wrote and gave the introduction for Paul's induction. Last summer, Meg Wiederseim Richards '78, hosted **Maggie Shriver, Libby White Drbal, Jo Scott Busey**, Keedie Grones Leonard '76, Addy Eshbach Donnelly '78, Mimi Borst Quillman '78 and Mary Goodwin Gamper '78 and me at Saranac Lake in the Adirondacks for a mini-reunion. Stuart and I celebrated our 27th anniv. 9/09. Clayton (23) completed his service with the Marine Corps and returned home after 2 tours to Iraq. He works in downtown Chicago. Clifford (21) will be a senior at Vanderbilt and spent last spring semester in Tokyo, then traveled through Thailand, Vietnam and Indonesia. We have 2 teenagers at home, twins, Charlie and Will (16); they'll be h. S. juniors.

**Carla Kinney Reiniger:** Older daughter Heather (22) graduated Cum Laude from the U. of FL 5/1/10, with a B.S. in psychology. She works at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Heather is also a Color Guard instructor for Colonial H.S. in Orlando and is helping teach. She was a member of the Northeast Independent Winter Guard, which finished

4th in the Int'l competition in Dayton, OH this spring. Daughter Mallory (15) is finishing 9th grade on the FL Virtual School. She takes her classes online with frequent contact with her teachers via phone or email. She has her learner's permit, so Dan and I have gotten a few more gray hairs lately! We're looking forward to our 1st full family vacation in over 4 yrs. We're headed to Key West! Heather aged out of Drum Corps last yr., having reached 21. She was a color guard member of Bluecoats of Canton, OH for 3 yrs. and Phantom Regiment, Rosemont, IL for one yr. We went to Indianapolis last Aug. to watch the Drum Corps International finals in the new Indianapolis Colts stadium. I welcome contact from SBCers in Central FL, or from anyone visiting the Tampa/Clearwater/St. Petersburg area. I'm 20 min. from Clearwater Beach!

**Lola Brock Meakin:** Life is good in England this yr. Last yr., I had a stroke as a result of an injury. Somehow I twisted my neck, had a tear inside an artery and then 7-10 days later (the day after returning from skiing) the symptoms occurred. Good news is that the only "symptom" I have left is fat! So after 3 mos. sick leave and then cutting down to 2 days a wk., I decided to give up work for a while. I'm busier than ever. Got a new puppy, 2 dogs are more than twice the amount of work, double trouble! Been travelling a lot, Miami at Christmas, Miami again in Mar. to help my mother post hip replacement, skiing in Apr., Norfolk in May with the dogs (and Jeremy), Jun. was northern France, Jul. in Greece for 11 days and Aug., NY, to visit my son Edward (21)! My other son James (23) works in insurance in Norwich and has decided to move to London. I'm pleased to have 1 son nearby!! Jeremy and I are well, enjoying the empty nest now.

**Martha Crowe Jones:** Still working at family business (Sally Bell's Kitchen) Scott and son Caleb won bid with city of Richmond and opened 2nd location at Byrd Park. We're lucky to have a review in NY Times, mentions in GQ, Gardens and Guns and a small spot on Bobby Flay's show. Had a great visit with **Cheryl Lennon Gibson** and plan to meet with Cheryl and Joan Pietrucha when time allows. On occasion I see **Marty Branch Alexander** at the shop. My daughter, Sarah Natalie is a rising junior at James Madison.

**Roxane Clement:** Went to Bale Chere (Asheville street festival) with Gregor Lee '00 and Amanda Diamond Ring '98; a good time was had by all!

**Ebet Little Stevens:** Lizzie and husband, Derek, had a baby boy 3/10. Anne is getting married 8/10, and Rob will be a freshman at Davidson Col. Bob continues to teach, and I moved my consulting business out of the house and into an office — hoping that things will continue to grow.

**Anne Patrice Rubel met Antonia Dupont Bredin** in HI for a wk.-long vacation — a great, adventurous time on the Big Island. She met Toni's daughters, Sophie and Jackie, who are both charming. She plans to join Toni in Nantucket 10/10 for some more fun with her best friend forever. Anne's 1st born son, James "Cooper" Waddell III was graduated from Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo

5/10 with a degree in Business Finance. Cooper will be an intern for 2 yrs. before he joins her husband Jim, as a team mate at Morgan Stanley, Smith Barney. As for Anne ... she continues to paint: equine, yachting and pet art and, also has several elderly, private patients who she takes care of during the day. Visit her new website, [www.annewaddell.com](http://www.annewaddell.com). And I, **Sally Bonham Mohle**, gained 2 great-nephews in the past yr.!

## 1978

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**Cindy "Whitless" Whitley Auman** and Dave finished their 10-yr. 1903 farmhouse renovation. She's now with a Philadelphia-based environmental firm. Sadly, both she and Dave lost parents a few yrs. ago.

**Katie Renaud Baldwin** is in OR after many yrs. in AK and is still subbing and waiting for a teaching position. Katie says **Martha Miller's** daughter is now attending SBC. I guess she bought something at the bookstore. "It made me smile to hear the voice of a 'Virginia' person again! Lots of memories."

**Lee Corollo Boyes** celebrated 2 yrs. of good health and had a son married in June! She enjoyed being involved in the CA wedding, even though she wasn't the mother of the bride! She is teaching at Sonoma State U. in the Dept. of Education, preparing science teacher credential candidates, while continuing her consulting on an educational assessment program (FACETS) and Clean Air Challenge.

**Cathy 'Mellow' Golterman's** twins Catherine and Christen will be sophomores at Westminster Coll. in Fulton, MO. Woody will be a senior in h. s. The family will take a cruise when he graduates.

When **Catherine Taylor Moore's** parents moved out of their house of 51 yrs., she found a lantern made by her "little sister" Cindy Little. "Who would've thought that it could survive the test of time?" Last Sept. Catherine traveled to Sea Island to visit **Betsy Glenn** who hosted her, **Liz Dalrymple**, **Eve London** and **Lisa Wray Longino** for a mini-reunion. Son Lee is at Camp Casey in S. Korea with the Army. "We're thankful for Skype; it helps us keep in touch in remote locations." 8th grader Ainsley enjoys dance, volleyball, music, horseback riding and volunteering.

**Donna J. G. Mihalik Lee** and Dennis have each been writing poetry with publications in various literary magazines. Her works can be found in *Existere — Journal of Arts and Literature* (Canada), *Vallum: Contemporary Poetry* (Canada), *Jacket Magazine* and *Journal of the Arts*, and *Atenea: A bilingual journal of the humanities and social issues on time and temporality* (Puerto Rico). "My poem 'Ode to Fungi-filled Face Cream' appears in the anthology *Decomposition: Fungi-Inspired Poems* (Lost Horse Press, 2010): <http://www.losthorsepress.org/books/decomposition.html>." Anyone who loves mushrooms may enjoy this one! Look for her pen-name donna j. gelagotis lee. Dennis's work

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will appear in the 2010 issue of *Journal of New Jersey Poets*. Look for his poem "Blood Room" in the *Journal of Medical Humanities*. The 2 of them have works appearing in *antiTHESIS: A Graduate Student Journal of Criticism, Theory, and Creative Writing* (Australia).

**Paula Brown Kelley** is sending oldest, JP, off to Loyola U. in Baltimore, while Genny will be a sophomore in h. s. For her 80th birthday, Paula and her mother went to paint NYC red. Paula is busy with a women's club, along with the Youree ladies (**Michelle Youree Hostler**, Valerie and their mother). Paula and **Liz Williams** got together when a mutual friend was releasing a new wine! (Sounds like a great place to have a reunion, perhaps?) Commercial real estate has been flat, but Paula is busy designing a website ([koreco.com](http://koreco.com)). Navy football games fill their weekends.

**Deb Davison Klein** was in PA for son Peter's graduation, while Bo (26) is nearby in CA working at his dad's company. Whitney (23) was in NYC working for In Style Magazine, but is now in Atlanta. Peter (18) is participating in a program in Ecuador for a semester. Deb still rides jumpers, loves CA, but looks forward to travels, HI and VA in fall.

**Cecilia Garcia-Tunon Lear** had tons to report, highlights being a great senior yr. (wrestling, football, track, musicals and dramas) for son Fred before he takes off for Western New England Coll. in Springfield, MA. Ceci has taken out a business license for contracted technical writing for an Atlanta based company, as well as some government contracts in both Canada and the U.S. She and Steve realized that the move to ME, while having many up-sides also came with some down-sides... "heating a big, old clunker of a house, which we love anyway, and being far away from our nearest and dearest from BM (Before Maine!) We have tons of room, and love to have visitors!"

**Audrey Townsend** spent 3 wks. in France, got daughter Betsy ready to head off to Occidental U. in CA and visited **Helen Bruckman, Liz Bowden, Emily McCalister** and **Michelle Frazier** in Las Vegas last May. A trip to Baltimore also meant a fun visit with **Missy Powell Adams**.

**Holly McGlothlin** bought her 1st home after a yr.-long search and has a guest room waiting in the San Francisco area! (40 min. away and walking distance to BART.) Sadly, her mother (97) passed away after a 2nd hip surgery. Remarking on dinner with **Cannie Cryslar Shafer**, Holly said, "I can't believe it took 32 yrs. to get her out here!"

**Cannie Cryslar Shafer** is head of lower school at Germantown Academy in Ft. Washington, PA, a school celebrating its 250th anniv. She loves being back with lower school students. Daughter Francie graduated from Northeastern U. last May and has an internship in NYC. Blake is at Bates Coll., attending Yunnan Nationalities U. in Kunming, China, in fall. "One of the best experiences (last yr.) was the Blizzard of 2010 in Baltimore." Being snowed in with Mary



Page Stewart and the SBC gang was "hysterical... Lisa Wray Longino shoveling out while in a mink coat. I haven't laughed that hard in a long time!"

**Sallie Sexton McKenney** reported that husband, Bob, passed away last June at 56. They'd been together since '81. She had a rough time, but is keeping herself busy while the shock wears off. Deepest condolences from all of us, Sallie.

**Toni Brown** is president of the Real Estate Association in Lexington. Daughter Claibourne was married last yr., which afterwards, Toni promptly went to the beach in Litchfield, SC, to sleep for 3 days! Younger daughter Finley moved to GA. Toni and Jim traveled to Costa Rica with Turks and Caicos as the next target. **Robin Jones Eddy** is always around Lexington so they see each other often.

**Meg Richards Wiederseim, Mary Goodwin Gamper, Maria Rixey Gamper and Mimi Borst Quillman** got together to reminisce about a trip to Upper Saranac Lake in the Adirondacks, NY, after Meg had recently returned from Big Horn, WY, visiting relatives. Maria had been to France to pick up daughter Catherine and Mary had been bottling too many gallons of honey from her bees! Mimi was heading out to Moose, WY, in Sept. while her husband was going elk hunting. This past spring she caught up with **Alden Corrigan** and **Caroline McKissick Young** at the Devon Horse Show, as well as Libby White Drbal '77.

**Julie Pfautz Bodenstab** spent 2 wks. on Cape Cod, where she caught up with Lauren McMannis Huyett '79 and Bill (vacationing in Falmouth, MA). After 20+ yrs., lunch together meant so much. Her eldest, Philip, is engaged; a 6/11 wedding is planned. Son Peter works in RI.

**Suzanne Stryker Ullrich**: My father died last Dec. (Mom still in FL), but then in Mar. Alex (29) got married in Jamaica. Alex (and Kellie) and Andrew (27) are working in the Phila. area. We see them occasionally (but never enough), and Ned (22) is a Jr/Sr at Penn State after a 40 day bike trek last summer through the Rockies and out to the OR coast. I'm working towards a Med, but also have a new job, working for an insurance company. The changes in education are all interesting, especially the online format! Seeing **Carey Johnson Fleming** and **Lauren Place Young** in NY and VT were 2 of my stops during my 'auto-trek.'

So, another year has passed, and many of us have had celebrations and challenges, setbacks and advancements and losses. But in the end, we still have our connection to Sweet Briar. I didn't hear from as many classmates this time around, but hope this correspondence finds you well and content.

P.S. Apologies to anyone who didn't get to contribute. If you didn't receive a pink postcard this past summer, please contact the Alumnae Office (call or do it online), or me, to update your information. I did receive a number of undeliverable cards back in the mail. Also, email me for the notes, complete with quotes.

## 1979

### Mary "Robbie" McBride Bingham

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**Connor Kelly**: My mother planned a cruise on the Baltic for her 80th birthday! We went from Copenhagen to Stockholm. I got to spend a day with **Karen Reis** and her husband in Copenhagen. I hadn't been there in at least 15 yrs. so that was special. I spent my birthday in the Hermitage. I still dance, practice dance/movement therapy and teach yoga in a woman's gym. I'm also a La Leche League Leader and a midwifery standards consumer reviewer. My 2 dance colleagues and I received a grant for a contemporary dance performance next yr. If anyone is ever in New Zealand, let us know.

**Piper Allan Severns**: Graduated law school in '85 and moved to Orlando. I practiced commercial real estate law, married Keith in '97, became a stay-at-home mom in '01 with Annabel. Started working as a part-time 1st grade teacher's aide 2 yrs. ago and got my teacher's certificate. Annabel is entering the 4th grade this fall. She's active in ballet, piano, lacrosse and soccer. We travel to the Abacos in the Bahamas and our mountain home in NC often. We're all active in church. Dad passed away last yr. and mom is in assisted living in Orlando.

**Ashley Wilson Brook**: Looking at colleges with daughter Mary Grayson (17). Son (14) loves Boy Scouts. I retired from being a preschool teacher of 2s after 11 yrs. Would love to keep up with more alumnae. Where are some of you? Married 20 yrs. no pets, just chauffeuring the kids. Wish that I had attended the last reunion.

**Beth Bogdan Tetrault**: I see **Amy Smith** often. We both live in the Richmond, VA, area about an hour away from each other. I'd love to hear from Pete, Kate, Brandy and Aimee.

**Anne Garrity Nelson**: I'm about to become an "empty nester" as the last of my 3 kids leaves home. Emily is at Penn State this fall. My eldest is in IA working on the governor's campaign and my middle son will be a junior at Mary Washington.

**Lynn Westine**: Daughters Nicole and Jen got engaged to the 2 best guys on earth. Weddings: Nicole and AJ, fall '11; Jen and Eric, 6/11. Business is good. We're down the home stretch on shipping and launching one of our spacecraft. In Nov., NASA will launch "Glory," which will: help us understand some of the uncertainties with natural and anthropogenic aerosols; and, also continue recording the solar irradiance ... both are important in understanding the earth's energy (im)balance. The other mission is getting out of design phase. In 2012, we'll launch a mission that will continue looking for and understanding black holes.

**Sally Ann Sells Bensur**: Left Mellon (BNYMellon) in '09 after 30 yrs. Most of my time is spent with family and catching up on projects. Bill is an investment consultant for public funds, endowments and corporate pension funds.

Daughter Holly will graduate h. s. in 6/11. Son Will is an h. s. sophomore. I saw **Betsy Burns Utterback** in Feb. in FL, wonderful to reconnect with my former roomie! We missed **Laura Evans** by a day or 2, but managed to find **Julie Muchmore Cooney** by phone.

**Annette Teng**: Left my job as engineer in silicon valley to be caregiver to elderly mother. I'm in Sydney, Australia. If there are any alumnae in Sydney, please contact me annette.teng@me.com. My daughter (SBC '08) and son (16) are independent enough not to starve with me gone.

**Cheri Harris Lofland**: I passed my 20-yr. milestone in Europe — the 1st 4 in Switzerland and the last 16 in London. I was transferred to Switzerland and then attended London Business School for a MSc in Management in 1994-95, going from there to a series of communications roles at Reckitt & Colman (now Reckitt Benckiser), Marks & Spencer and Lend Lease before spending 3 yrs. consulting in Dubai. Now back in London full-time, I've started my own strategic communications consulting business, optimistically hoping that the "end is nigh" for the financial crisis.

**Jane Hubbard Sams**: Lives in Oakton, VA. Husband Lloyd travels and his private equity business is holding tight, working hard. Henry (24) moved home and is completing a degree and job searching. James (20) sophomore @ Miami of OH. My father (90) thinks he's Labraune James, and said that "he has more hair on his butt, than on his head." His dementia is always entertaining ... I have something to look forward to in my old age. Connected with "wonderful" **Nancy Hatch** and **Francis Biggers** in Atlanta in Jun. with Ann Yauger '78 and Libby Freeman.

**Becky Trulove Symons**: Don is still in banking. Sally graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in May with a major in English and a minor in Creative Writing. Elizabeth is a junior at UNC and is on a NOLS trip in the Wind River Range in WY. Anne will be a senior. My nest is emptying. I'm adjusting. I'm busy for about a mo. in fall and spring with the Furniture Market in High Point, which I enjoy.

**Holly Perkins Meyers**: I still practice law with husband Charlie in Lufkin, TX. 3 sons are Carter, a senior at the U. of TX; Sterling, a freshman at Ole Miss; and Miller, a junior in h. s.

**Karen Ries**: I live in Denmark, north of Copenhagen, with husband Søren and son Christian (16). He's happy and healthy, but at 6'4", it can sometimes feel a bit intimidating telling him to be home before midnight! We met up with Connor Kelly and her 2 charming sons, Patrick and Teague, in Copenhagen, 7/10. It was wonderful, especially to see Connor after 14 yrs.

**Day Pritchard Dodson** is an empty-nester, but aging parents provide someone to care for. Anybody else know that tune? I live in Arlington, VA, and manage a faith-based foundation; also serve as minister for children and families at a local church.

**Lauren Evans**: I live 6 mos. in Umbria

and 6 mos. between Palm Beach and the Bahamas. **Graham Maxwell Russell, Betsy Byrne Utterback, Nancy Webb Corkery** '81, Virginia Donald Latham '81 and Caroline Hawk Sparrow '81 have visited. I'd love to have any alumnae come and visit. I'm making fantastic red wine, 95% sangiovese, 5% merlot and hope to have it on the market in '11.

**Robin Behm**: Happy & well in San Diego with Wendy and a wonderful circle of friends here. Busy with partnerships in real estate, wine, and some ventures in early stages. Made it East this past spring to visit family in MD, h. s. reunion, and attend a beautiful P-town wedding on the Cape. Out on Facebook, see you there!

**Vivian Hamlett McEntire**: I'm a physician employed as a Hospitalist in Montgomery, AL. Married 26 yrs. to LeRoy McEntire, mother of 2 college age daughters (at Sewanee) and one son (15).

## 1980

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Cliff Notes version: everybody either had a great time at Reunion, or was sorry to miss it. Lots of gratitude for friendships, renewed or new, and the support of SBC alumnae in person or via Facebook. No matter what, one of us has already been there, done that, and glad to share the T-shirt!

Reunion 2010: We had a blast! The Class of '80 came back in force with 42 members in attendance (to read their names, contact the Alumnae Office for a list, alumnae@sbc.edu). If you weren't there, we missed you! Please email or find one of us on Facebook... and plan to be back at the Briar in 2015!

After 25 yrs. of practicing law and 8 yrs. of "stomping grapes," **Karen Black Meredith** and Robin moved from NY back to Santa Fe, NM. Now she's a real estate agent with Prudential and having a lot of fun. While in NY, they owned Broadfields Wine Cellars, a winery on Long Island, which they sold a few yrs. ago.

**Susan Boline Thompson** (TX) survived breast cancer, divorce and going back to school at SMU full time to get certified to teach, all simultaneously. She credits **Myth Monnich Bayoud** for being her SBC blessing, organizing meals for her during that difficult time. She now teaches 1st grade to minority, disadvantaged students. Susan's boys are seniors in h. s. (Myth's son attends the same school.) Her daughter is a junior at Tulane.

**Amy Campbell Lamphere** looks forward to the insanity of her daughter Sarah's senior yr. in h. s. Son Jake is a junior at Nebraska Wesleyan. She spent a weekend this summer at dance teacher's camp in Boulder, prepping to



teach a modern dance class for teens this fall in addition to her usual batch of wiggly 4 to 7 yr. olds.

After 3 yrs. in Atlanta, **Ellen Clement Mouri** and Richard moved back to VA in '09, living "in the sticks" of Rixeyville with room for all the dogs and horses. Sadly, her mother, Martha Mansfield Clement '48, passed away in '09 and was interned on Monument Hill in Jun. **Louise Swiecki Zingaro** hosted a reception for the family afterward. Ellen's daughter Sarah Mouri '06 is in her 4th yr. of vet school and doing externships all over the USA and Canada. Cameron graduated from JMU seeking to pursue a music opportunity in FL. Ellen loves her job helping train young horses. She has 3 Dobermans and is obsessed with dog training, attending dog shows 2 weekends a month.

While taking a swim with Old Spice Guy in the Finger Lakes region near Austin, **Megan Coffield Lyon** discovered the waters that lap at the roots of the picante salsa bushes growing along the shore take on a decidedly pink tint, creating freshwater pearls of a remarkably rosy hue. By selling the movie rights to her latest NY Times best-selling novel, Megan was able to purchase half the state of Texas and bring her pearls to market. Look for luscious strands this fall in the SBC book store, available in a host of shades, from the pale blush Faintly Fletcher, to the warm jewel-tones of Early Morning Dew, to the full-on flamingo pink of Dazzling Daisy.

**Ann Connolly Simpson** is having fun too, celebrating 20 yrs. at The Dragon's Nest toy store and "playing tennis like mad!" Her daughter Hannah is a senior at CT Coll., and Ann and hubby Charlie visited her in Italy when she did her fall semester abroad last yr. Charlie has a daughter at Springfield Coll. and another in h. s., with the little guy (10) in 5th grade. They live in Merrimack, MA. Ann saw **True Dow Datilio** in NH and **Phyllis Watt Jordan** and Prichart Dodson '79 in D.C. about a month before Reunion.

**Dianne Delledera** moved back to VA after living in France and Finland. 2 of her boys are in coll., one is in h. s., and the girls are in middle school and grade school. She hopes everyone will come to Homecoming at SBC this fall!

**Claire Dennison Griffith** is involved in Direct Hits Education, a SAT prep business. She notes: "if students aren't your own, they actually listen to what you say and think you are at least somewhat intelligent." Look for the 3rd edition of the Direct Hits vocabulary book on Amazon. Younger son Charlie is an h. s. senior and is searching for the right coll.

**Lisa Faulkner O'Hara** works in health-care advertising. She and her husband attend daughter Evan's swim meets (local) and get to their son Bud's club lacrosse games (not local) from time to time. Bud is a sophomore at Boston Coll. and Evan is an h. s. sophomore. Lisa takes beginner yoga now, after loving **Fannie Zollicoffer Malonee's** introductory class at Reunion, and hopes that "some day I'll be able to do her Bikram yoga class without having to call 911."

**Carson Freemon Meinen** (TX) got daughter Caroline graduated from A&M in May and son Burk married in Jun.

Carson loves her job handling all the financials for 8 Jason's Delis spread from TX to OK, AR and MN. She didn't tell us that Parents Magazine named Jason's Deli one of the 10 Best Restaurants in America (7/09)! She and Ed traveled to Paris and Greece in '09.

**Missy Gentry Withrow** lives in Charlottesville, but spends a lot of time on campus as associate dir. of annual giving. She loved having us back on campus for Reunion. With both girls in h.s., Missy and Lee "find ourselves in a funny place — looking at colleges and finding boys on our doorstep!"

**Pam Koehler Elmets** (CA) reports all is well. Her twins, Lauren and Andrew, are college juniors, and daughter Caroline started h. s. in fall. Pam had fun catching up with **Charlotte Gay Gerhardt** in May in Williamsburg when she visited her dad.

**Leslie Ludwick Bires** enjoyed Reunion and "feeling a little nostalgic for the marvelous, too-short life of an undergrad in that beautiful place." She claims the "dubious honor" of having the youngest kids of anybody in our class: Colin (7) and Alexander (10). She started a new job as the San Francisco Symphony's Director of Corporate Giving in fall 2010.

After bouncing between 6 jobs in 8 yrs., **Fran McClung Ferguson** has landed at the transportation museum in Roanoke, loves it. Son Robert is a senior at Lenoir-Rhyne and daughter Carol is a junior at SBC, just a year behind **Ann Vandersyde Malbon's** daughter Nell '11.

**Catherine Mills Houlahan** lives in Newport News, VA, with her 3 children (16, 14 and 9), 2 cats, a guinea pig and 5 fish. She works part-time as a course administrator and the only staff for a start-up, non-profit university specializing in 2-day courses. She's interested in networking!

**Sandra Rappaccioli Padilla** missed Reunion, but for a good reason: her eldest son Max Carlos was graduating from VA Tech in building construction and has a job in Huntsville, AL. Jorge is at SMU, graduates in '11. Youngest 3 are in school in Managua. Husband Max works on their farm, growing coffee and raising cattle. Sandra works part time and keeps the welcome mat out for the rest of us.

**Francie Root** is looking forward to a safari to Kenya and Tanzania in Dec. While her children were otherwise occupied, **Georgia Schley Ritchie** headed to Peru to hike the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu! Her son Addison (17) was in Sweden staying with family friends, and her girls India (15) and Tallulah (11) were at Camp Green Cove in Tuxedo, NC. Her 2 dogs, 2 cats, 2 tortoises and guinea pig stayed home.

**Jill Steenhuis Ruffato** enjoyed summer at home with her boys. She spent her days riding or painting out in the fields or in her studio. In fall, she held shows in Dallas, Houston, Austin, and Oklahoma City. She and husband Serge, a sculptor, did a joint show at the 600-yr.-old Chateau in Bouc Bel Air in Sept.

**Louise Swiecki Zingaro** has been promoted to vice president and chief of staff at SBC! She assumed the leadership of the strategic planning process, the media and marketing group, and "other duties as assigned by the presi-

dent." Holla, Louise, and Thank You for the fabulous party you threw for our class at Reunion!

**Betsy Thomas Rook** arrived at Reunion with her new book, *My Grandmother Was From Wales*, which can be ordered from [www.mgfw.com](http://www.mgfw.com) or any of a zillion places where you buy books. Her sons play basketball; one is an h. s. junior and the other in 7th grade. Her husband (a retired actor) and his 5 snakes keep the household lively. They vacationed last summer in the Sierras and in OK.

**Phyllis Watt Jordan** moved from journalism to public relations, a step that those in journalism call "going to the dark side." But since she now has a large window overlooking trees and pretty scenery, it doesn't seem that dark. Plus, her clients are all nonprofits and foundations working to improve public schools, end poverty, etc., which doesn't seem that dark either. She enjoyed seeing old friends at reunion and brought her children, Miranda (13) and Jake (11), along with husband Brian so they could hear all the wild stories firsthand.

3 yrs. ago, **Kim Wood Fuller** and Bryan started Therapeutics, a biopharmaceutical company that develops topical dermatological products to address various skin problems and skin aging. Not that any of us have aging skin, but Kim brought samples to Reunion that we all appreciated. Please send her any comments and suggestions! They escaped the hot OK summer with trips to ME and HI and spent Thanksgiving at their timeshare in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Our class had a great coll. experience, and we give back! At Reunion, we enjoyed the fabulous new fitness and athletic center that our class worked so hard to support. We also set a new record for giving in the 30th reunion year: \$100,341! Thanks to everyone in our class who made a gift toward scholarships, faculty salaries, and more. Holla us!

## 1981

### Claire McDonnell Purnell

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**Naomi Weyand Smith's** daughter, Briggs, will attend SBC this fall and live in Naomi's old dorm. "We're looking forward to orientation and parents' weekend and will be staying at the Elston Inn. We've been impressed with SB's admissions office! Roberta Perillo '80 came to visit in Nantucket, MA, this summer. Spent the summer in Nantucket working via my laptop. The only problem is that I miss my husband! Son Harrison, a senior at Presbyterian Coll., is going to Italy for the fall semester and has applied to law school. I had to have my ankle replaced due to an old college injury; and then had to have more surgery on my ankle in May. I'm sure that I'll be hosting SBC admissions functions in Atlanta this yr., so I look forward to seeing alumnae!

**Vickie Archer** and husband Tad Imbrie, along with sons James (17) and Addison (15) took Vickie's daughter An-

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nie (19) to SBC where she'll be a freshman. While Vickie was in line registering, she was told **Naomi Weyand Smith** had already checked in with her daughter, Briggs, husband Scott and son Harrison. The girls are on the same floor of Glass.

**Lynn Croft Reeves** and Jack are still living in Hanover, VA. "We have 2 active teens, Henry and Savannah. I spend my free time playing tennis and I'm on the Vestry of my church."

**Mary Kate Ferguson** lives in Baltimore and is "having a quiet summer working, swimming (with Michael Phelps) and playing tennis. After the heartbreaking loss of my corgi, Paco, in spring, I've been longing for another dog, searching for another puppy. I'll vacation in the mountains this fall. I see **Eve Devine**, **Brendy Relter Hantzes**, **Claire McDonnell Purnell**, **Amy Marshall Lewis** and **Kearsley Rand Walsh** regularly. What's most exciting is planning our 30th reunion with Claire and Brendy! Hope to see everyone there!"

**Harriet Bielitsky Anderson** visited with **Julie Brooke Davis** and husband Tommy, their 2 beautiful teenagers, Brooke and Susan, and **Hope Keating** for a weekend this past spring. Julie and Hope look fantastic and it was so much fun to hang out with such wonderful friends. Harriet writes "Can't wait to see everyone at reunion!"

**Boo Major** writes, "I'm divorced and relieved that that chapter of my life is closed. I'm back in my house with son Mac (10). Mac is going into the 5th grade and loves baseball, football, hunting and fishing. We have spent a couple of weekends at Lisa Kean's ('80) mountain house in Asheville — enjoyed watching bears and other scenery. We've hired a new assistant equestrian coach with SBC ties. Carol Gwin taught riding at SBC in the 90s; we're happy to have her on staff. The Equestrian Team at the U. of SC continues to do well. We finished 3rd at the varsity equestrian national championships."

**Quinne Fokes** was a guest lecturer for the art and design departments at Christopher Newport U. in Newport News, VA. She stayed in Williamsburg, VA and had dinner with **Sophie Cryslar Hart** and husband. They had a wonderful time and discovered that they're all cat lovers. Sophie is the head of development for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Quinne enjoys her work as a creative director, with many projects including an identity makeover and website for a law firm. She writes, "I'm painting, doing yoga and riding a big pony named Rossmor. Geordie (partner) is general foreman for a solar company start up, that was also a client."

**Molly Davis Garone** lives in Franklin Lakes, NJ, with husband John. They celebrated their 25th anniv. in Apr. Daughter Maddie (20) will be a junior at St. Lawrence U. and son Thomas is a sophomore in h. s. Molly is "staying busy with training for triathlons, golfing, paddle tennis and ... studying pastel portraiture for the last few yrs. with the hope of taking commissions and having my own studio this fall."



**Liz Seacord** and husband Adam are travelling through Switzerland and Germany "hoping to see lots of modern art!" Liz and family will go to Long Lake, NY, during Aug.

**K Ellen Hagan** sent sad news. Her father, Forrest L. Hagan, died on 7/5 at the age of 83. If you would like to get in touch with K, her address is PO Box 346, Commerce, GA 30529.

**Tracy Drake Hamilton** is living in Pompano Beach, FL, and writes, "I've retired from teaching due to effects from the radiation I had." Tracy's volunteer work keeps her busy. So does keeping up with 2 teenagers, stepchildren, and grandchildren, Lauren (4) and Aiden (1). Tracy looks forward to Reunion.

**Anne Grosvenor Evrard** writes from France, "Things are always busy over here, especially with our antiques and art gallery doing well. We're in the midst of preparing for a fair in Biarritz, where we'll be exhibiting our entire shop for 5 days. Art deco, Chinese and African antiques and artisanal works as well as contemporary art! The children are fine. The 2 oldest are working women, middle 2 in masters programs, number 5 in dramatic art, and the 'baby' just graduated from h. s.!" Anne would love to see alumnae travelling in France...

**Allison Roberts Greene** is looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion next yr. Mackenzie is headed to school in PA in fall. The family has enjoyed some wonderful vacations this yr., and Allison is planning a trip to Tanzania for a safari next summer. She is still involved with Walk On Equine Assisted Activities non-for-profit program.

**Sharon Resener Miller** and husband Toby, son Bailey and 3 Jack Russell terriers live in Orlando, FL. Sharon writes, "Bailey (17) is starting his senior yr. in h. s. and is busy evaluating colleges; way harder now than it was in our day!"

**Mary Hedley Sipe** is a nurse practitioner in Richmond, VA. Hedley writes, "Daughter Edie is a sophomore in h. s. I see **Holly Silsand Ulrich** often and had a visit with **Wendi Wood Macaffee** and **Bobln Bryant**."

**Sandra Meade Turturro** and husband Michael hope to be at Reunion. "We live in Pinehurst, NC, love life. Our kids are all grown and it's only us and our 2 yellow labs, Leo and Lily. I'm going into my 30th yr. teaching and still going strong. Any SBC golfers who end up in our neck of the woods, please call!"

John and I have been in Annapolis, MD, for 20 yrs. Daughter Mary (16) is a junior and Lizzie (13) is in 8th grade. Both girls love field hockey. Mary is a goalie and looks like a transformer all dressed up in her gear. I was in Pittsburgh for a wedding and got to see **Liz Winson Sweeney**, which makes visiting my hometown more fun.

**Mary Kate Ferguson** and **Brendy Reiter Hantzes** and I are working on Reunion, May 20-22, 2011. If you'd like to be on the committee, please contact one of us. Also, if you're on Facebook, please join the *Sweet Briar College Class of 1981 30th Reunion group*. I'm not FB savvy, but Brendy is. Thanks again for writing and put our 30th on your calendar in pen!

## 1982

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**Molly Finney Grenn** (Alexandria, VA) visited **Jean Von Shrader Bryan** and **Lynn Martin** while they were en route to their h. s. reunion at St. Margaret's. Lynn is a holistic healer and Jean excels as a sales executive at Virginia Peanut Company. Molly's daughter Gracie attended her 1st overnight vacation bible camp. Husband Mike is working towards his Ph. D. The family will vacation at the beach for a week this summer.

**Rosemary Hardy** thoroughly enjoyed the summer break from work at the Shawnee Mission Schools where she is a behavior specialist. Summer trips included a visit to NC, as well as a relaxing retreat in Nantucket with family including time with her nephew (6 mos.). Rosemary celebrated her 50th birthday with a surprise party. She takes water aerobics a few times a week. The youngest in the class by about 20 yrs., she enjoys the exercise and socializing.

**Heather Pirmle Albert** and family are enjoying a lifestyle change in Nashville after NYC. Daughter Samantha spent a semester in Spain and will be a junior this fall at U. of the South, Sewanee with a double major in economics and Spanish. Older sister Rebecca enjoys a career as a paralegal in Atlanta. Industrious as always, Heather is developing a tax service business for an insurance company. The economy hasn't helped, but this has certainly not deterred Heather. Husband Mike teaches 7th and 8th grade history. The family managed to take a Caribbean cruise, followed by a week in New Orleans. Heather plans to travel to Orlando on business later in the summer.

Empty nesters, **Carol Searies Bohrer** and husband will be busy traveling between Greensboro, their river retreat in Tappahannock and Lexington. Son Price graduated from Woodberry Forest School and will attend W&L U. in fall. Daughter Emily is a sophomore boarder at St. Margaret's School in Tappahannock. Carol looks forward to returning to former SBC stomping grounds.

**Marie Engel Earnhart** and daughter Mary Whitney will enjoy a vacation to Spain this summer before Mary Whitney begins her freshman yr. at SBC, where she'll play soccer. Son Chandler is in 11th grade and equally athletic as his sister.

**Lucie Stephens Holland** celebrated her 50th birthday in Paris with son Carter (14). She works part time at The Potomack Company auction gallery in Alexandria, while husband Steve, a White House correspondent for Reuters, is covering his 4th president. Lucie would be happy to extend special service in helping any of our classmates managing their parents' belongings while they downsize from a larger to a smaller home at the auction gallery.

**Deborah Price Bowman** continues her "full-time job" tennis as well as pursuing a part-time (non-athletic) position. Daughter Katie starts h. s. in fall while son Kessler is in 4th grade. Deborah enjoyed a family trip to Cabo San Lucas,

Mexico, as well as to SBC to see niece Lauren Miller graduate along with **Priscilla Ream McPheeter's** daughter Heather.

**Monika Kaiser Neheim** writes from the Loire valley in France, the family is visiting husband Richard's relatives, then travel to Germany to visit her family. Daughter Alexa (20) will start her junior yr. at The Frost School of Music, U. of Miami, while son Julius (15) will be a sophomore in h. s. Monika continues to be a stage mom as Julius' acting career flourishes. As in the past, Monika volunteered in the German dept. 3 times a wk. Unfortunately foreign language classes fell victim to budget cuts, with no classes next yr. Richard enjoys his global position with Pepsi, though changes could come any day.

In the interests of honesty and news worthiness, **Gracie Tredwell Schild** asked that I also write "bad" news, too, as she and husband Georg decided to split. They will stay together in the house for another yr. until son Christoph (12), finishes 8th grade, then she and Christoph will move to the States, probably back to home town of Santa Fe. Gracie writes starting over at 50 and trying to find a job won't be easy, but explains "better happy and broke than living in a gilded cage." By the time of our 2012 reunion, she hopes to be settled in after 17 yrs. as an ex-pat.

This fall, **Alice Dixon** enters the world of academia as a biology teacher and thanks Dr. Simpson for inspiring her! Alice visited Miss Garner, professor of religion emerita, last spring on her 90th birthday. "She's exactly the same, very sweet and sharp as a tack!" If you'd like to write her, contact the alumnae office.

**Brianna Boswell Brown** and husband Randy will celebrate their 25th anniv. with a trip to France. Spectators at Tour De France, they'll then drive to Provence to visit Jill Steenhuis '81. Proud owners of several of Jill's paintings portraying the Provence countryside, they look forward to seeing it firsthand.

**Nancy Howell** has lived in Houston for 15 yrs. Her daughter is a sophomore in coll. and she and her husband look forward to celebrating their 20th anniv. next Mar.! Nancy was happy to reconnect with alumnae on Facebook. Active in the SCA (Society for Creative Anachronism) and puts her history degree to use.

**Patricia Whelan Schenck** and family celebrated eldest daughter Lillian's, and my goddaughter, graduation from U. of CA. Berkley. Accepted to the "Teaching For America" program, Lillian will teach middle school mathematics in the New Orleans area. Younger brother Gus will be a junior yr. at AZ State U. going for a degree in education, while daughter Helen will be a sophomore at Loyola U. in Chicago. Twins Marion and George will be seniors at Sandia H. S. in Albuquerque and have mother Tricia as their Spanish professor. Bobby is the medical dir. of the Dept. of Orthopedics at the U. of NM. We enjoyed getting together with both he and Patricia while they were in Chicago for a medical conference.

**Cathy Miller** and family moved 3.8 mi. to a house on the water with a swimming pool. Daughter Madeline (17) works at husband David's dental office

for the summer. Daughter Ali will be 16, but not quite ready to drive yet. Cathy will travel to Boston for a short weekend visit for a family wedding and reunion. They'll also start looking at colleges for Madeline.

While I was in New Delhi and Mumbai, India (for work), **Jean Von Shrader Bryan**, **Nancy Daugherty Davidson**, **Brianna Boswell Brown**, **Marie Engel Earnhart**, **Lele Frenzel Casalini**, **Molly Finney Johnson** and **Leslie Hertz Firestone** were celebrating at the JW Marriott resort in San Antonio, TX, to honor **Jane R. Dure's** recent graduation from St. Mary's Law School in May. I did manage to sneak a gin (Bombay) and tonic at the Oberoi Hotel bar toasting Jane on her most recent and very impressive, accomplishment.

## 1983

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I want to share an adventure with all of you. On the drive back to Charlotte after our mini reunion with **Deirdre Platt** at SBC in Apr. (wonderful to meet her and family), husband Chris and I decided to visit Natural Bridge. I never went while at SBC. We got to the main tourist building and they want \$18 per adult to walk down 128 stairs then get bused to see a big rock. We bought a souvenir magnet and left. Determined to do something fun, we pulled off at a local vineyard. As we drove west into the Blue Ridge, we never saw another grape road sign and I swear the further into the mountains we drove our GPS started playing *Dueling Banjos*! We turned around. Heading back to civilization, we came to a small town — can't even find its name on the geology.com map). We saw a sign: Civil War Reenactment Today. We were captivated! A vendor near the tented camp ground said the battle was "just down the road a click." We drove the click, paid the \$3 each and walked to the roped-off part the field. I thought reenactments were only in movies — real cannons, horses, swords, etc. A man in full Confederate general attire was standing in the back of a pick-up truck narrating the battle on loud speakers. Women in period dresses cheered on their fighting husbands. A man next to me said this was an annual event. When they had asked him to participate, he replied, "at age 62 if I do participate I want to die first." I asked if they really played dead. He said eventually they'll get tired and start falling down. Priceless! We stayed until several died. It was obvious that we 2 Yankees were in the minority. Thank goodness we have NC license plates! We also noticed Foamhenge, another tourist attraction we plan to visit. Yes, Stonehenge made of Styrofoam. What a riot! Definitely worth a 3 ½ hr. drive this fall. Here we go...

**Alicia Nygaard Formagus** and family enjoyed summer in Dallas. Son William was at USMC Officer Training School in Quantico, VA, and graduated in Aug. Son Thomas transferred to Texas A&M this fall.



**Ann Sterling Hart** is working lots of dressage horse shows. Daughter **Stephanie** (22) graduated last spring and got her 1st job as a travel agent. Ali (19) is back at U. of FL as a sophomore. Ann's mother (70) is riding her baby horse (5) and is doing really well with her.

**Deirdre Platt** and family had a wonderful holiday in the USA last spring. 1st to SBC to see daughter Tanya's play *Dolores Veintimilla*, the Ecuadorian poet. Deirdre and I caught up on each other's lives a bit more directly than via internet! While at SBC, they stayed with Dr. Claudia Chang and husband Perry. Her brother and one of his daughters came from NY and joined them. Then they traveled to D.C. They did the museums and the zoo. Deirdre was shocked at the probably quite toxic air in supermarkets due to the use of fragrant chemicals in cleaning or in the detergents. It's also a problem in Ecuador, but Deirdre thought U.S. consumers would've said no to perfumed food. Unfortunately the family couldn't go to Tanya's graduation. She graduated Magna C Laude; she outdid her mother!

**Ellen Claire Gillespie Dreyer's** daughter, Gilly, is a freshman at Sewanee. EC's other children are a junior in h. s. and an 8th grader.

**Katherine Robinson Davey** and husband Drew are empty nesters. 2010 was a big year for them: 25th wedding anniv., Drew turned 50, a h. s. and coll. graduation and a family trip to Africa! Son Marshall was headed to Chapel Hill as a freshman, Ebet is a junior at SBC and loves it, and oldest daughter, LK, is in France doing graduate work in Aix en Provence. They look forward to visiting LK. Katherine loved seeing **Anne Little Woolley** at their 30th h. s. reunion and was planning a trip to VA in Oct. for Parents' Weekend and to check out all the new buildings on campus.

**Kathy Barrett Baker, Lea Sparks Bennett, Ann Goldman and Anne Little Woolley** met up at The Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville, VA, for cocktails and dinner last summer. Kathy wrote it was "so much fun like we had all seen each other yesterday!" Now that people can email photos and easily make color copies of old photos, Kathy asks that we all email or snail mail color copies of wedding photos, baby photos, children's Prom photos, vacations, etc. for the class scrapbook. Send to [sabatschool@hughes.net](mailto:sabatschool@hughes.net).

**Kim Howell Franklin** enjoyed summer while her daughter was off to camp for 6 wks. She called it "Summer Enrichment," as she started taking guitar lessons and pilates classes. They vacationed in Spain and Italy in Aug. Travel got off to a bumpy start: 1 delayed flight and a missed connection. She made the best of it by eating a ton of pizza, frozen custard, a cupcake and a couple of beers. Kim received a promotion to an associate at Booz Allen Hamilton last summer, really exciting (even though it's more work).

**Leslie Malone Berger** is very excited that son Alex is a freshman at W&L, Class of 2014! Leslie wrote "where did the time go?!"

**Mandy Beauchemin Frohn** traveled to Niagara Falls in Aug. for ancestral research. If any of you have done this,

she'd appreciate advice on where to start or good websites to use. Email her at [mfrohn@caheart1.com](mailto:mfrohn@caheart1.com). She and husband Eric celebrated their 24th wedding anniv. and son Zack (16) finished at Leadership Academy in St. Petersburg last summer. Both Eric and Zack are certified rifle instructors and Zack is following in his dad's footsteps, on his way to qualifying for "Distinguished Expert" status in small bore shooting. Mandy finds any excuse to travel. She did the KY Derby in May and hopes to go to Costa Rica next yr. Still a "space geek," Mandy flew her face into space (electronically) on the space shuttle STS-133 in Nov. NASA has a program for "civies" to upload their electronic image to be flown into space. Mandy rented a condo across from the Kennedy Space Center to watch the launch.

**Mary Pope Hutson** participated in the National Women's Grasscourt Tennis Tournament in Jul. where she and her partner took 4th (44-55 doubles). In Aug., she headed to Mobile for a meeting to bring all land trusts together on the Gulf Coast to create a unified plan on Gulf Coast Restoration. MP was hoping to see **Melissa Cope Morissette**. Over Labor Day she saw **Virginia Claus Buick** at the U.S. Open!

**Pam Weekes** moved to a spacious apt. in Harlem that makes her feel like she's somehow cheating NYC, but very grateful. Virginia Carabelli '82 visited Pam last spring and she hears from Jennifer Rotman '84 every once and a while. Pam's bakery is doing well. What started as a simple project took up most of last yr. They want to get a new shop and company headquarters built in Harlem (Fredrick Douglas Ave and 117th St), lots of red tape. Last spring they had a new Food Network segment where Rocco Dispirito picked their chocolate chip cookie on "The Best Thing I Ever Ate — Chocolate Edition." In Feb., they participated in Rachel Ray's Burger Bash at the Food Network's South Beach Wine and Food Festival to benefit FL International U. School of Hospitality and Tourism Management. They got snowed in (blizzard in NYC) and enjoyed a luxurious day of doing nothing. In May, Pam participated in a Wellness in the Schools event to help raise money and awareness in order to improve nutrition and fitness in NYC public schools. In Sept., they helped Bravo promote the launch of their new show "Top Chef — Just Desserts" and in Oct., they were part of Martha Stewart's Cookies and Milk event at the Food Network's NYC Wine & Food Festival benefiting Foodbanknyc.org and Shareourstrength (strength.org), an organization to end childhood hunger. Pam continues to practice yoga and swim 2-3 times a wk. as she has for the last 20 yrs. at Columbia U. with a triathlete team. Pam enjoys reading everyone's updates on Facebook!

**Polly Parker McClure** said they had a great summer in Cleveland. Her daughter, a sophomore in h. s., is soon to be a driver. Their son is in 5th grade; he keeps them young. He plays football, basketball and tennis. Polly and husband enjoy going to his games. Polly still works at Allstate Insurance Co. training new agents. Life is a busy life

with kids; they love every moment!

**Rexanne Baker** earned her Healing Touch Certification and in Aug. attended the Healing Touch International Convention in Denver. She's looking for a place to set up practice besides her living room. Her son is attending GA Tech.

**Sarah Babcock** still lives in Richmond, VA, and works as Chief of Education & Training at the Richmond SPCA, very busy and happy. Sarah teaches lots of classes; does trick demonstrations with her 5 wonderful dogs and helps people with pet behavior issues. Sarah wrote that all of this is a big change from her yrs. with IBM! In her rare free time, she's fixing up the old farm she bought a few yrs. back, and competing in agility, gardening and doing photography. Sarah would love to hear from SBC friends during the yr. ahead — and can be found easily either via her blog [www.sarahsfarmreport.blogspot.com](http://www.sarahsfarmreport.blogspot.com) or on Facebook.

**Sarah Sutton Brophy** had a great wk. staying with **Sarah Babcock**. While there, Parker Brophy (16) helped Sarah Babcock's staff at the Critter Camp at the Richmond SPCA. The Brophys love living on the Eastern shore of MD and not the least because Sarah is now closer to lots of special people and places including SBC where she is on the advisory board for Tusculum.

**Tracey Gatewood** moved back to Tuscaloosa, AL, having a great time reconnecting with old friends and family. This past yr., Tracey has spoken with several alumnae, **Joan McGettigan** (who moved with her 2 daughters to start a new job in Boca Raton, FL), **Lochrane Coleman Smith** '76, **Penny Parker Hartline** '84 (Birmingham friends) and **Ellen Howard Attar**.

**Wylie Jameson Small** and family had a summer full of travel. In Jun., she and husband Stuart spent a wk. in Bermuda for their 20th anniv. Stuart, Rudy (16) and Wylie joined Stuart's family in VT in Jul. for a family reunion. Rudy headed to the Jersey Shore and the Adirondacks with friends in Aug. Wylie had fun getting Rudy ready for his road trip. She's hoping to finish the sequel to *The Great Prune Caper* (available on Amazon for only \$9.98!) She enjoys doing volunteer work and keeping up with alumnae on Facebook. Nice job ladies! Wylie...really... using our treasured notes to shamelessly plug your book on Amazon, tisk, tisk, tisk. LOL.

## 1984

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The details are sketchy, but somehow I ended up as your illustrious class secretary, until you all come back for the 30th reunion and vote somebody else into this job.

## CLASS NOTES

The 25th reunion was a lot of fun, especially the boat house party for our class on Fri. night and the announcement by El Warner during convocation that '85 raised \$14,397.325 with 93% participation! Okay, it was a joke, but it got an uproarious laugh.

62 of our classmates are active on Facebook, so I encourage all of you to get with the times and have your teenagers set you up on an account so you can read breaking news about what your classmates are baking for dessert, see timely pictures of pet turtles, and find out who has the longest "Friends" list. I, for one, have 197 friends, which feeds my inclusion needs on a daily basis. Here's a sampling of news for the printed word lovers among us.

**Martha Boxley Creasy** lives in Roanoke, VA, with husband Grimes. Oldest son Grimes Jr. is a freshman at the U. of AL. Mead is 16, and Claiborne is in middle school. Martha is determined to make the 30th reunion, because she heard about how much fun she missed at the 25th!

**Laura Morissette Clark** is good in Mobile: "we're staying away from the oil!" Laura works for Brownell Travel, enjoys the research, especially the traveling! Son Lee graduated from the U. of AL, 5/09. He works for Region's Bank. Son Tee is a senior at AL. He hopes to attend his 2nd Championship game next Jan.! Roll Tide! Laura was sorry to miss reunion (as I, Ellen, am sure many of you were) It's hard to believe we've been out 25 yrs!

**Julie Shields Hickman Thompson** keeps up with **Heldi Turk** and **Patsy Kraeger**. She has 5 children: David, Blake, Gavin, Sarah and Preston: 1703 Bushrod Road, Alexandria, VA 22308.

**El Warner** serves on the City Council of her hometown of Easton, PA. My, I bet those meetings turned entertaining when El joined their ranks. She was also elected President of our Class at the 25th reunion and will be leading the movement to have all of you back for our 30th, wearing Lanz of Salzburg flannel nightgowns with baseball caps and pearls. El is a freelance marketing and PR professional, and is devoted to Brody, her faithful Brittany.

**Jeannie Guthans'** family of boys is well. Richard is a junior at Ole Miss, Christopher is in 11th grade and Michael is in 8th. Daddy Richard is well, practicing law in Mobile, and Jeannie spends time painting. She and Richard celebrated 23 yrs. of marital bliss last Aug! Loved seeing everyone at Reunion.

**DeAnne Blanton** moved to a new home in Arlington, VA. Her son is in 7th grade and is as tall as DeAnne! Another 25th reunionite, DeAnne loved being back. She and I took the hayride around campus together!

**Cheryl Fortin Young** lives in Hilton Head, SC, and just celebrated her 25th wedding anniv. She was the 1st to have a ring game in our class at SBC, right? Oldest son Tate is in his 2nd yr. at W & L and lives in the Phi Kappa Psi house. (Flashbacks?) Son Tim is in 10th grade in the International Baccalaureate program at Socastee H. S. Kayla, her baby,



will graduate 8th grade from St. Andrew Catholic School in the spring. The whole family is active in sports and Cheryl is sporting her 1985 figure and is singing with the Carolina Master Chorale.

As for me, I'm back to being **Ellen Reed Carver**. The cards dealt me a huge life-line in 6-yr.-old, Sophia Rose. She was our Mascot at reunion. I thank God every day for her and laugh at all her antics. **Baba Fountain** and **Louellen Brooks Meyer** (sisters-in-law!) are her TX godmothers. After 10 yrs. with Norfolk Public Schools, I've started a new adventure called the Career and University Success Program. It's for h. s. graduates who are on the "CUSP" of independence, but need guidance overcoming learning disabilities or socioeconomic barriers.

Everyone, be well and be merry and stop in to visit me in Norfolk, where the wine is always chilled!

## 1986

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I love being secretary for this outstanding class, and thank you all for your contributions to our notes. Sounds like many of you will attend Reunion, which is wonderful news! As we count down to our 25th (May 20-22, 2011), your class officers (**Lynn Mather Charette**, **Beth Ann Trapold Newton**, **Liz Gallagher Jeffrey** and I) will be working hard to plan a memorable event. We endeavor to have a record number return to "the patch," as well as meet our class's giving goal. If you haven't been back in a number of yrs., this is the time to make the trip. Contact your friends and make a date for 5/11! In other reunion news, it was so nice to visit with several old friends at the D.C. Metro/Balt./Tri State Reunion in Jun. Thanks to **April Adelson Marshall**, **Linda DeVogt** and Christina Savage Lytle '88 for putting it together. If you've moved or changed your e-mail address, please contact me with your updated info.

**Jesse White** is still a school psychologist, "trying to find more creative ways to connect with kids and help them survive, and perhaps even enjoy their days at school!" She had a wonderful time visiting with **Gail Gifort** in NC and meeting Gail's son. Jesse misses all of her SBC friends and hopes to see them at Reunion!

**Anne Toxey** earned her Ph.D. in architectural history at the U. of CA at Berkeley 4 yrs. ago. She and husband Patrick McMillan moved to a historic family home in downtown San Antonio, TX. She juggles an academic career with the museum exhibit design firm that the 2 of them direct. They spend a mo. or 2 every yr. in Paris, France, where they met and began their lives and business together 20 yrs. ago. Anne says she misses her SBC pals, would love to be in touch, and hopes to link up with anyone in central TX.

**Charade Bolling Estes** girls keep her busy! Summer 2010 Chelsea (21) interned at CSC in the business development office and returned to U. of TN,

Knoxville, as a senior. Daughter Cameran still dances and serves as co-captain of her h. s. dance team, as well as a company member at her dance studio. She was so excited when she discovered she could major in dance in coll.! Charade is still with CSC, working as a deputy program manager, supporting DARPA's Defense Sciences Office, a position she took on in late '09. At the end of '10, she'll become the program manager. Charade and **Lisa Redd To-liver** talk often and had lunch together in Jun. "See you at Reunion!"

**Ann Bruce Faircloth Porter** and family still enjoy living in Auburn, AL. Husband Billy is a district manager for U.S. Foods and Ann Bruce is with Keystone Bank. Daughter Brucie (13) plays soccer for a travel team so the Porter family is busy on weekends with games. Brucie also writes a column for the local newspaper entitled "The Tween Philosopher." Maybe SBC is in her future, when faced with what color to select for the bands on her braces she picked pink and green!

**Vicki Wolf Rosenfield** is president of the Parents Association and on the board of trustees at The Gilman School in Baltimore. Son Will (14), a 9th grader at The Gilman School, is a tournament golfer. One of his classmates is CJ Roebuck, the son of Lee Carroll Roebuck '87, who Vicki sees often. Daughter Emily (15) attends the McDonogh School. She's an excellent musician, playing the guitar and drums. Vicki is very involved with KIPP Baltimore, a charter school program that operates a middle school and an elementary school in one of the most impoverished areas of Baltimore. "The kids are amazing. Our middle school children arrive with the lowest test scores in the state and leave with the highest. We see them all the way through college and make a huge difference in the lives of many kids." Vicki and husband Stuart took a short trip to Newport, RI, and a family trip to Martha's Vineyard this past summer. "We used to be much more mobile before we inherited Flash when my mom passed away last summer," reports Vicki. Flash is a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel (13) and is truly part of the Rosenfield family. Vicki loves to follow alumnae on Facebook and is sorry she doesn't have more time to keep up. If you're ever in Baltimore, contact Vicki at vrosenfield@aol.com.

**Maureen Mahoney Deppman** relaxed at their cabin in VT over the summer and enjoyed the summer off with her children Lydia (7) and Jack (10). Maureen and husband Benj celebrated their 13th anniv. in Jul. She contends it's a far cry from her parent's 50th anniv., which they'll celebrate with a family trip at Thanksgiving! In fall, Maureen will resume teaching at a local VT h. s. and driving the kids to all their activities. "Looking forward to Reunion!"

**Sandy Bernard Wylle** and Kevin celebrated their 20th wedding anniv. this yr. They keep busy with their 3 children, Cameron (13), Heather (11), Jimmy (4), as well as their jobs. Sandi is still with Fannie Mae (23 yrs.) and Kevin teaches architecture at Catholic U. Sandy enjoyed a visit from **Anne Merriman Duffy** and family in spring. She also looks forward to Reunion.

**Missy Duggins Green** was busy this summer with swim team, golf, softball and camps. The Greens spent a few days at Big Cedar Lodge before school. Miles started 6th grade (middle sch.) and Nancy, 5th. Missy continues to take on PTO assignments and will also be co-leading Club 121, an on-campus, student-led ministry. "Can't wait until 5/11!"

**Sally Engleby Farrell** and family are still living in Bedford, NY, 16 yrs. in the same house! Three boys, Tommy (17), Henry (12) and Jack (12), love the neighborhood and their dad is happy as they're mirroring his childhood. Tommy, h. s. senior, became an Eagle Scout and a Lieutenant in the Jr. Fire Corps in the Vol. Bedford Fire Dept. They're searching colleges that specialize in meteorology. The twins are in middle school. All 3 boys ski race at a mountain close by. Husband Chris and son Tommy coach, as well. Sally is studying for her M.A. in religion with a concentration in youth formation. She completed her 2nd summer at VA Theological Seminary this yr. One more summer to go! While in VA this summer, Sally attended an SBC min-reunion. Great fun seeing some faces she hadn't seen in 20 yrs! Classmate **Betsy Nott** was attending a conference at EHS right next door! Betsy and Sally had dinner with **Beth Ann Trapold** in Alexandria. Sally continues to teach pre-K at a wonderful little Nursery School in New Canaan, CT. Teaching pre-kindergartners provides her with much humor and delight.

**Karen Gonya Nickles** claims she's a boring 46-yr.-old: "Same job, same husband, same kids (I've tried to trade them in, believe me.)" She's still playing soccer, reading a lot, and "wondering why I can't lose weight as I munch on pizza and mashed potatoes..." Karen is looking forward to Reunion. "Thinking our hairstyles might be slightly different than in '86!"

**Paula Veale** and Dan spent their summer working in hot NYC, but headed to the NH coast on most weekends. Paula's son Iain (6) broke his arm in Jul. She's been told this a rite of passage, just not one that she wanted him to go through.

Things are going well in Roanoke for **Linda DeVogt**. She celebrated her 20th yr. with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and is a Sr. Account Manager in National Account Sales. She and Robert celebrated their 1st wedding anniv. and survived a complete household renovation. On 7/1, Linda returned to the SBC Alumnae Board as nominating chair. She encourages all who are interested in serving in any volunteer capacity for SBC to submit their names to the Alumnae Office. "It was great to see so many classmates in D.C. this spring; I'm looking forward to seeing even more at our 25th!"

In summer, **Beth Ann Trapold Newton**'s husband was recalled for several mos. as a Coast Guard Reservist to work on the BP oil spill. "Being a 'single mom' is even harder than I ever imagined. Kudos to all of you who do it so well every day!" In addition, Beth Ann left her position as dir. of development at Oakcrest School and works for a publisher in D.C. Completely different work, but she can work from home and has

more flexibility. She also spent the summer teaching her firstborn how to drive. "It's now a certainty that I'll have more grey hair at Reunion! I do hope all of you will join me in the effort to make the 25th extra special. Your gift to the coll. is the best way to start! See you all in May!"

**Elizabeth Lindsey** and Ken still live in Nashville, TN, with their 2 basset hounds and were fortunate to not be affected by the May flood. The recession hasn't been kind to freelance editors, but on the upside she's had more time on her hands to do things such as finish half-done projects, paint rooms, expand the garden, care for her mother, take part in dog rescue transports, etc. She still enjoys her ballet and figure skating workouts, and continues her hospice visits with the older basset to provide pet therapy.

**April Adelson Marshall** is still recruiting and consulting on different project assignments. Daughter Lily started coll. in fall at Savannah College of Art & Design; and April looks forward to visiting and playing in Savannah. Son Hayden is an h. s. junior. Back in Jun., many alumnae had a great evening together at the Sequoia in Wash., D.C. She hopes the D.C. Metro/Balt./Tri State Reunion will be an annual event! "Looking forward to SBC Homecoming and best of all, our 25th!"

**Dayna Avery Hulme**'s daughter Courtney is looking at either SMU or TCU to attend and dance in fall '11. Daughter Alexandra is in 7th grade at Harpeth Hall School in Nashville.

**Betsy Nott Hall** and Roger celebrate their 20th wedding anniv. in 2/11 and 20 yrs. living in LA. 2009/10 was her 15th yr. at Brentwood School and 3rd year as Dean of Students and Service Learning Coordinator of the Middle Division. In addition to a great job, she spends her days cheering on either son Griffin (13) or daughter Caroline (10) on a playing field or the stage. This yr., she and Roger reconnected vacationed in ME. Betsy hopes to see you all at Reunion!

**Lisa Leigh Ringler Bennett** and Bob were in full farming mode all spring and summer — 100 acres of tillable land on their 260 acre farm in Malvern, PA. Lisa's daughter, Sydney, started h. s. and already feels she knows way more than mom! And most importantly, Lisa is continually amazed by the SBC ties that bind! "Can't wait for Reunion!"

## 1987

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**Kelly Meredith Iacobelli** is thoroughly enjoying the alumnae board. She went to Reunion in May and saw Debbie Lee '90, Karen Malmquest Laakso '90 and



Lea Harvey '90. Dugther Kathleen (8) proudly proclaims she's a member of the Class of '24. Kelly hopes to see classmates at Homecoming and notes, "it's renewing to see the current students on campus, cheer for the sports teams and laugh during the cardboard boat regatta at the lake."

**Tracy Tigerman Shannon**, Brookneal, VA: "I still teach, but have gotten switched from 3rd to 1st grade, which means that I won't be teaching my daughter in 3rd grade (blessing!) Son Ryan will be taking driver's ed. in fall, stay off the road!"

**Susan Detweller** is returning to Antarctica after having taken last winter off to care for a friend injured in an accident. That winter she taught Nordic skiing and led interpretive backcountry tours in the Tetons. This fall she'll be a field instructor again for the U.S. Antarctic Program and will return to the States in time for her Nordic Center job again. She enjoyed a road trip last spring climbing and visiting friends in the desert southwest and CO.

**Mary Halliday Shaw** says twins Jack and Mike are heading off to coll. in Aug. She and husband Brad still have Kevin at home (9th grade). A highlight of the yr. was seeing **Beth Bennett Haga**, **Paige Apple Montinaro**, **Kate Cole Hite**, **Whitney Bolt Lewis**, **Kathryn Ingham Reese** and **Mala Free Jalenak** in New Orleans last Jan. for a mini reunion.

**Heather Gregory Skeens** lives in Raleigh, NC, where she is assistant dir. for children's services at Cumberland County Dept. of Social Services in Fayetteville. She and husband, Ed (H-SC '86) have 2 children. Daughter McKinsey is a sophomore at SBC and son Taylor is a junior in h. s.

**Melinda Sher**: "I'm back in school for a 2nd degree. This time in environmental ecology and biology from UNC, Asheville. I love being in school again, but hate the math prereqs! I bought a house in Asheville, my new official home. I hope to find rewarding work saving the environment and hugging trees!"

**Jeanne Rovics Mexic** e-mailed her news from the beach in NC where she and **Kristen Petersen Randolph** were spending time together while their sons attended surfing camp. Jeanne travels to amazing places with her job for Hilton. She traveled to China noting, "Shanghai was my favorite city." She also writes that one of her new clients is SBC grad. Kelsey Larus '98. Jeanne, husband Scott and son Blake (12) traveled to a wedding in New Zealand and fell in love with the country. They took an amazing whitewater rafting trip there and went diving at the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.

**Kathryn Ingham Reese** had a fun summer including poolside visits with **Leslie Corrado Stillwagon** and **Katie Keogh Widener**. Kathryn loves her job teaching middle school English at Tower Hill School. Daughters Landon (10) and Elliot (8) are doing great, and "I had to quit coaching this yr. so I could be their full-time taxi driver. Depending on the time of yr., I'm running Elliot to gymnastics and soccer, and Landon to and lacrosse and field hockey. They both play basketball and sing in the church choir (okay, I force them to go to choir, I admit it)."

**Denise Landau Blind**: "Life in NJ is busy, but I love it! I still can't believe my kids are 12 and 15! We lived through a home addition, which gave daughter Chelsea and I our dream walk-in closets! She deserved it, having been an absolute trooper, living through 6 mos. in a back brace. As a competitive gymnast, she stress fractured her L5 vertebra in her back. It was tough for her to start middle school in such a condition — then she got braces on her teeth to match!" Son Tyler was the freshman varsity catcher for his h. s. baseball team. They won the league title, and he was named to the 2nd team All League. This yr. he'll focus on baseball and bowling, and get his driving permit. Husband Fred is an avid fisherman and golfer. They plan to celebrate their 20th anniv. this yr. with a romantic getaway. Denise competed in her 1st biathlon. She was thrilled to participate in the event, which raised nearly \$50,000.00 for Breast Cancer awareness.

**Laura Schumacher Kasprzak** lives in Ramsey, NJ, and entertains me with sightings of the cast from "The Real Housewives of NJ" in her area. She doesn't watch the show, but knows I'm hooked. She saw Dina at a local watering hole and saw the whole crew last yr. at a restaurant. Her oldest son, Jack, starts h. s. this fall; Kenny, 7th grade; and Ellie, 3rd grade. Laura is planning to enroll in a master's program in social work.

**Kristen Petersen Randolph**: "life in Virginia Beach is busy with 3 boys: Ranny (14), Christian (10) and Peyton (8). They're into sports, mostly lacrosse and basketball. I sell real estate part time and do personal training part time. My passion is with health and fitness (guess it all started with the dairy route runs with **Mehla Oglesby de Ville de Goyet** at SBC). I talk to **Jeanne Mexic**, **Nici Pechman** and **Laura Kasprzak** often; we hope to plan a mini reunion." Kristen and Ran celebrated their 20th anniv. this summer with a trip to Palm Beach.

My son Jack will be a senior in h.s. this year. Daughter Nina will be attending middle school at the same school that my son goes to — having them at the same school for a yr. will be nice.

## 1989

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Glad I got back to SBC for Reunion in May — great to see old friends. I'm still teaching 1st grade and working my 2nd job as chauffeur and activities coordinator for Jack (12) and Sophie (10). I hope everyone is well and I look forward to hearing from more of you for the next issue!

**Chris Carriere Zazulak** had lots of fun at Reunion and coll. touring with my oldest son. "I'm headed back to VA with my 2 youngest boys to see D.C. while my oldest is doing a lacrosse camp at the Naval Academy. My 2nd and 3rd sons will be at Fort AP Hill for the Boy Scout Jamboree. While I'm there, I'm getting together with **Jole Tankard**, **Squiffy Walker Christopher**, **Meg Caulk Stephens** and **Chris Anne Spehar**. Our family will have 3 graduations this yr. My oldest is graduating from high school. My 3rd one is graduating from elementary school. My 5th one is graduating from kindergarten."

**Amy Kathleen Donnelly Tobik** and Steve have spent the past 12 yrs. living in Winter Springs, FL. Amy is the Features Writer for the Seminole Chronicle newspaper and Moms Like Me magazine. She's been the Girl Scout leader for daughters, Katie (14) and Emily (11), since they were in kindergarten and serves on several school committees and local boards. Steve retired as a Naval Commander and continues to travel around the world with his work for Siemens. They celebrated their 19th anniv. in Jul.

**Beth Pesiri Solomita** has 3 children: Grace (6), Jack (4) and Ava (2). "We also have Rudy (4), a chocolate lab. We live in Stamford; I continue to work at a large preschool doing social work and admissions. Sorry to miss this Reunion. I'm on Facebook and have re-connected with several alumnae."

**Amy Burton** is busy during summer tending her perennial gardens and day dreaming during the winter.

**LuAnne Hunt** is still working for the City of Lynchburg in communications and marketing; however, she also started a part-time photography business, which she hopes to make full time in 3 yrs. "Google my name to check out my web and photo sites. My son Chris is a bank manager for BB&T in Southern Pines, NC, and daughter Candice is an advocate for the National Tourism Association in Washington D.C. Husband Larry works for Clorox in Amherst. Larry and I have helped plant a new church in Amherst Co. called Oasis. It meets at the local h. s. and is growing weekly! Between church and traveling to see kids and grandkids, we're always on the go, but it's so nice to live next door to SBC (the new gym is great)!"

**Louise Bouldin Carter** and Brian and 4 kids, Virginia (7), Brian Jr. (6), Jack (3) and Lewis (1), still live in Huntsville. I play tennis between driving and chasing kids. I'm working part-time for a decorator. Brian Jr. loves playing with Chase Berkey, **Amanda Chase Priddy**'s son.

**Amy Kroeger** says "thanks to all who made the effort to return for reunion. It was awesome to catch up with everyone, especially those who we haven't seen in the past. I recommend everyone try to make our 25th. This returning to campus and acting totally sophomoric is so therapeutic! If anyone is passing through St. Louis, please look me up. I'm here for 2 more yrs."

**Gladden Adam Falivene** and Phil are still in NJ. "We're busy with Ellie (11) who enjoys tennis and James (9) putting miles on the car with ice hockey. Sorry we missed reunion."

## CLASS NOTES

**Tracey Thomas Jones** says "FL summers are a lot like northern winters as we end up being sequestered inside to avoid the extreme weather (sweltering heat and the ensuing storms). We're still living in our little Cape Cod on the north side of Jacksonville, and recently renovated. Jonathan is close to sitting for his exam to become a licensed mental health counselor and continues to be resource counselor for our church. We'll celebrate our 20th anniv. this Sept. We hope to visit Jonathan's family in England next spring. Oldest son Nathaniel (10) is an avid swimmer and reader. We both love Harry Potter. He came within 1 second of qualifying for Junior Olympics, so we're hoping he can make the cuts this winter. Brennan (5) starts Kindergarten this fall, enjoys competing in meets much more than the weekly practices. This will be the 1st yr. I won't be assisting at my boys' school and can just be Mom! We'll continue home-schooling 2 days a week, doing year-round swim and considering soccer too. With both boys in school, I'm looking forward to having a little time to myself."

**Anne Richardson Lackey** says, "Mark and I have been growing our real estate firms. Stepson Andrew graduated from GA Southern and is going back to school to join ROTC and further his education. Stepdaughter Jessica goes to UGA and hopes to graduate next yr. I've enjoyed reconnecting with other alumnae on Facebook. If you're ever in Atlanta, please let me know."

**Julie Brooks Nyquist** says, "it was great to see our classmates the campus at our 20-year reunion. I brought husband Stephen and son Andrew (8 mo.) for their 1st trip to SBC. I'm still working full time as the grants manager for the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation in Miami. I'm also finishing my M.B.A."

**Sallie McIlheran Wunner** writes, "I keep up with a few from the class, but since I've lived in Germany for many yrs., it's always hard to keep up with everyone. Unfortunately I couldn't make it to Reunion in May as I'm preparing for 2 larger art exhibitions (one in Dallas and one in Vienna, Austria) this fall. I send all my greetings and best wishes to everyone who attended. I'll surely make it to the next one!"

**Rachel Renzy** writes, "it was nice to bring daughter Rose (11) with me to Reunion and show her what a special place SBC is! Perhaps she is a future SB girl! I loved being back on campus, reconnecting with classmates and reliving our experiences there! A walk around the Dairy Route, a late night trip to Daisy's grave and, yes, we even had security come and kick us out of the boathouse ... late, late night! Ahhhh, the memories! I can't wait to go back in 5 more years and do it all again!"



## 1991

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**Allene "Allie" Doucette** moved back to Pensacola, FL, spending 6 days on the road following husband and son (3) in a large Penske truck with dog Briscoe for company. They're enjoying homeownership again, but not the heat. Allie looks forward to Reunion. It looks like Billy will be able to join her, as well as Alastair. Technically Alastair was at the last Reunion, in her growing belly. Much better view this time.

**Joan Dabney Clickner** and family are well, still in Charlottesville for the time being. Ian (9) and Georgia (3) are awesome friends. Bobby's acupuncture practice is doing well, and Joan has been editing a novel for a local writer.

**Karen Hott:** Our 20th Reunion is in spring, and I've created a Facebook page for our class. At our 15th we won the Participation Award, let's see if we can do it again! Plan on attending Reunion 2011. I still organize events for the alumnae club in Atlanta and we had a wonderful turnout in Jan. for SB Day despite the snow, yes snow. We have a Back-to-School event this very evening — great group of students! The design industry is well, and I'm thankful for incredible projects and happy clients. I recently won an ASID Award for a historic project in Inman Park, which will be featured on the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation Ramble (tour) in Sept. Two projects were published this yr., one of which was for a SBC alumna. Charlotte, my pug, and I spend as many weekends as possible in Abingdon, VA, with boyfriend Pete Percival — a nice escape. So much inspiration for gourmet cooking is found at the local farmers' market and organic farms. And for me, antique finds have made their way into a few Atlanta homes. Hope to see y'all on Facebook and at Reunion next yr! Holla Holla!

**Megan Read Lindberg** writes, "Eric and I are busy and happy with 3 children Sutter (13), Tessa (11) and Logan (7). We work hard tending our horses, chickens and dogs, but are enjoying every aspect of "ranching"! Our goal of living sustainably is almost met. We would love any SB visitors."

**Kathryn Hagist Yunk** writes that she, **Carey Bates** and **Suzanne Petrie Liscouski** had a mini-reunion and spa retreat while visiting Suzanne at her farm, Memorial Day weekend. "From all the laughter and fun times shared, you'd never know that nearly 20 yrs. has gone by since graduation. What fun to have friends that span a lifetime!"

**Lorraine Haire Greer** "had a great year starting back as a school director. I love working in a Christian environment and our school is experiencing wonderful growth. Son Alex also attends and my hours are flexible. I've also been working on my state certifications and considering various programs to pursue my Ph. D. in education, i.e. Curriculum and Instruction or Christian Education. We've enjoyed time with family in NH and celebrated Tom's father's 80th birthday with the entire Greer clan in

Nags Head. We look forward to next summer's beach wk. with **Jen Kemper Wallis**, **Stephanie Berger** and **Chris Coleman (HSC)**. I'm looking forward to SBC Homecoming Weekend in Sept. as a great opportunity to see fellow riding friends and welcome new members onto the Visiting Riding Committee. A 2nd visit for Reunion, and I look forward to seeing classmates I've haven't seen in a while. Blessings to all."

**Kathryn Johnson Glass** writes, "I'm still in solo family practice in Mayfield, KY, and am the medical dir. for Medical Spa 7 in Paducah, KY. I have 4 daughters and 2 sons — I have kids in h. s., middle school, elementary school and preschool and one (20 mos.) still at home! How's that for busy? Husband John (HSC '90) completed his Ph. D. at Ole Miss last yr. We've re-entered the job market and are exploring career choices. We're looking forward to a change. I'm hoping for a mini-reunion with **Gwen Glew** and **Edie Rue** '89 next summer in CA since I'll miss the 20th in May. I'm sorry to miss all of you! E-mail me at magnolia1029@hotmail.com."

**Carey Bates** spent the last year working for eTRADE and teaching 1st-yr. writing at the U. of Hartford. She spent a long weekend in ME with **Amber Velenga**, **Anne**, and **Jill Fahy**. All is well with family of 8 nieces and nephews.

**Tara Gilder** writes, "It's difficult to know where to start. I finished my B.A. at Pine Manor in Boston, where I would meet up with SBC big sis Christine Hostely '89. In Atlanta, I would run into Heather Coleson '90. I then went on to grad. school at Royal Holloway, U. of London, where I got an M.A. in History of Art, and an M.B.A. in International Management. I work for KBC Bank in London and my own business, Beautiful Effects permanent cosmetics, which I'm fitting around my day job. I look back on my time at SB fondly, and over the years I have stayed in touch with Judie Currie '92, Toi Reynolds '92, and Heather Cross '92, but have lost touch with too many Sweet Briar Chums. I'm always happy to see anyone who comes to London, feel free to get in touch: taragilder@yahoo.com

**Mamie Farmer Farley** writes, "we've been busy with swim team and camp, headed to the beach in Aug. I Matthew and I have planned a getaway for Oct. Miller (11) in 5th grade, Harry (9), 3rd grade, and Joanie (6) is in 1st grade.

**Laura Rose Martin** writes, "Chris and I are still in Dothan, AL. I've been working as a tutor at one of the poorest elementary schools for 2 yrs. Chris is an instructor at Farley Nuclear Plant. We'll celebrate our 20th anniv. in Mar. Both boys (Kyle, 15, Nathan, 13) are active Boy Scouts and on track to make Eagle in the next yr. Elizabeth (10) started riding, loves it! She's telling people she's going to SBC for coll. We've gotten involved with Dock Diving with our 2 dogs, Jolly and Magic. I've enjoyed getting in contact with classmates on Facebook! Can't wait to see everyone at Reunion!"

**Jennifer Gregg** writes, "Getting married in 8/10 to my partner Tawnya. I still do a lot of cycling, primarily multi-day fundraising rides. In the past 3 yrs., I've raised over \$15,000 for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. For the '09 Pan Mass Challenge, I road in memory of

Jennifer Crispin, a small pink and green ribbon with her initials pinned to me.

**Shelby Staples** writes, "I was a Turning Point student and my life is in the slowing down phase now. Am a retired nursing home administrator, volunteer in feral cat rescue and horse rescue. In my spare time I read. Wishing all of you the best."

**Suzanne Petrie Liscouski** writes, "Son Bobby (2) is growing like a weed and is a hilarious chatter box. Bob and I are enjoying our farm in Leesburg, VA. I just bought a horse (4) to train, after my show horse tragically broke her leg. **Carey Bates**, **Kathryn Hagist Yunk** and I got together for our annual girls weekend — always a great time. I can't wait to go to the D.C. United Soccer game with Kimberley McGraw Euston '92 and son (my godson) Alex! Looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion!"

**Tammy O'Malley Fein** writes, "We moved last yr. to a larger house in Jupiter, FL, not far from our old house. Right after we moved, I became pregnant with my 3rd child. I gave birth to Zachary Elias on 4/6/10. He joined his big brothers, Ben (10) and Ethan (9). I'm still a psychotherapist in private practice. Husband Larry is a copywriter for a financial publication. Things are going well, just very busy. Love to hear from fellow alumnae!"

**Cathy Goslaw**, now known as Tavi Rainold, writes, "In 2010 AJ had hernia surgery, Mardi Gras in New Orleans was crazy, and my horse Almond Joy has taken most championships available! CO is wonderful and my family just blossoms every day. I decided to be a mentor for a young girl who is wonderful. Nice to have some female companionship. I'm still doing property management part time and a full time mommy to Trix and AJ! I got my hunting license this yr. and almost got my 1st turkey!"

**Dawn Monahan Nelson** writes, "Looking forward to Reunion. Enjoyed 2 family weddings in Jun., spending time at the beach. Can't believe we have a rising freshman and 5th grader.

**Signee Hoffman** writes, "Love being mom of Piper Anne (4), busy with my practice and husband Curt keeps me hopping. My life is a 3 ring circus. Hope to be at Reunion."

**Katherine Cooper Hoffman** writes, "this summer I worked at my old camp, Camp Alleghany (co-founded by an SBC professor, Mr. Worthington), while my daughter attended 1st term. On the 1st day, I ran into Margaret McClellan Driscoll '92 and **Cynthia Chilton Barrett**, both dropping off their daughters for the session! Then went down to Nashville visiting some of Willy's family. I'm in ME working on my business plan for my new company. Cross your fingers!"

As for me, **Vickie Campo Byrd**, I'm writing this from the beach in Nags Head, NC, where my husband's family has a reunion every 3 yrs. Garnett and I stay busy with our 3 children, Garnett (10), Ellie (7) and Caroline (5). Son Garnett loves playing golf, swimming and basketball and loves the Blue Angels. Ellie is going into 2nd grade and loves ballet, sewing and playing soccer. Caroline wants to do everything her older brother and sister do, tries hard to keep up. This will be a busy year for us as I have taken on the job of PTA President

at our children's elementary school. I welcome any advice you all have as I'm sure many of you have done this job in your children's schools! It's hard to believe that we'll celebrate our 20th reunion in 5/11! Can you believe it's been 20 yrs?! Please make plans to be there and join us for what is sure to be a fun weekend of laughter and memories!

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Greetings friends! By the time you read this, Reunion will be about 6 mos. away, and I can't wait to see each of you and your families!

**Abby Phillips Hinga** and Sean were thrilled to welcome 1st child James Phillips Hinga on 2/5 at 9 lbs., 22 in. He's an incredibly easy baby who loves to sleep, making them happy! James was lucky enough to be welcomed to the world by **Janeen Sharma** and **Laura Powell Gatling**, at the hospital.

**Sarah Dennis Roberts** and family are well. Sarah continues to work for Inasmuch Foundation 3 days a wk., which is a perfect balance with all of Jackson's (7) and Owen's (1) many activities. Sarah and Hayden look forward to taking the boys on a long trip to CA this fall to visit family and go to Disneyland/Legoland.

**Jessica Gindlespger Hubbell** spent an amazing week at camp with **Janie Bradley Flowers** and daughter Mary Katherine, and **Rachel Boyd Belmonte** and her 2 kids Will and Emma. The children had a wonderful time playing in the mud, jumping off cliffs and riding their bikes to the candy store. My children, Jackson (6) and Brady (3) miss their friends and hope to see them before next summer.

**Heather Baskett** and Layla moved to D.C., where she works at the National Zoo training elephants. They live in Arlington with their 3 dogs and 2 cats.



Heather has reunited with Rebecca Carle '93 and Penelope Spain '98.

**Lisa Aumiller Anderson** started a mobile vet service last Apr. "Dr. Lisa's Mobile Vet Service" has been so successful, she's looking to add another vet by fall!

**Susan Whitehead Froehlich** completed an 18-wk. co-manager training program with the Kroger Company. She graduated in Jul., and was placed as a co-manager in a Lynchburg Kroger. She passed the pharmacy test to become a CPhT. Caden (3) and Lilah (1) are well.

**April Collins Potterfield** and family are on an amazing adventure! She got tenure and a promotion at Westminster, but resigned to move to Shekou, China in Jun. and they're having a blast. Russell's job prompted the move. April is studying Mandarin, immersing the kids in it, too.

**Imogen Slade Rex** and Chip welcomed Connor Autrey on 4/3. Big sister Isabelle (2) is a great help! The Rex family also began a great new adventure, relocating to Portland, OR in Jul.

**Leah Jorgensen** lives in Portland, OR, and celebrated the 1st anniv. of her business this summer as a marketing and communication consultant for the northwest wine industry (clients include Wilfakenzie Estate, ArborBrook Vineyards, Le Cadeau Vineyard, Pravia Wines & Events, Best of Oregon Food & Wine Festival). She's also a freelance writer covering food, wine and gluten-free living (she has celiac disease, an autoimmune disorder affected by the ingestion of gluten). Leah enrolled in the winemaking degree program at the Northwest Viticulture Center in Jan., after working her 1st harvest last fall at Anne Amie Vineyards. This summer she's doing cellar work at Shea Wine Cellars, where she'll work harvest in the fall. Leah met up with Imogen Slade Rex and her family in Portland in Jul., during their visit to find a new home for their relocation. Leah's excited to have another alumna girl nearby!

**Sarah Chaffee Paris** and Jonathan welcomed Charles William on 7/9. Bella (7) and Stevie (3) are excited about their new brother!

As for me, **Amy Daugherty Michel**, life is excellent! Owen (6 mos.) has fully recovered from the life-threatening illness he contracted at 11 days old, and is healthy, strong and adorable. Xander has grown into a handsome little man, sweet and charming when he's not busy being 3. Both boys had a wonderful time when their Auntie **Palge Vaught Camplon** visited us last Apr. And now that Imo is closer, we hope to get together before Reunion. Sam and I are busy, but well, and are looking forward to Reunion. I hope our class has another amazing turnout. Please bring your families; I've heard from so many of you that you can't wait to see not only each other, but all of the spouses and children, too!

## 1997

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Cady, Cynthia and I (the 3 Cs) all hope that everyone is doing very well. Keep in mind that our 15th reunion is just 2 summers away.

**Anne-Claire Wackenhut** was married 7/16 at a small civil ceremony in France. She and Scott Allen Kasten were joined by family and a few friends, including Bénédicte Valentin Lamonthe '00. They were off to honeymoon in Barcelona. AC's sister, Sophie '02 welcomed 2nd child Easton Brooks on 6/7.

**Leslie Fariñas Padrón** graduated medical school at U. of Zaragoza, Spain, 7/12/10. She and her husband plan to stay in Europe. They look forward to starting a family soon.

**Hobby Holmes Cole** was joined by **Gannon Hunt**, **Mary Friberg** and **Jenny Brundage Turner** for a fun all-girls-ski-weekend in Apsen, CO, over the President's Day weekend. **TC Welseman Kennedy** gave birth to Van Garrett in Nov. '09. It took 3 kids to finally have one look like TC! He had a difficult labor — the cord prolapsed and cut off his oxygen. The doctors did an experimental treatment, all is well! TC went to the wedding of Nikki Johnson '96 in Oct. '09. Other Vixens in attendance were Kelly Knappenberger-Foit '96 and Laura McGlammer-Million '96. In 2/10, TC and **Marnie Tokaruk-Bates** caught up in Richmond. A visit to Seattle in Apr. for a wk. gave TC & Kelly '96 a chance to catch up. TC and Janine Paris-Schofield '97 keep in touch. Janine is expecting her 4th child. Work is going well, 5 yrs. at SunTrust Bank. The Kennedy family moved to the suburbs of Atlanta. **Darelle Pfeiffer** made a partner in Ocean County Foot and Ankle Surgical Associates, Ocean County Diagnostics and Bay Lea Ambulatory Surgical Center (that's a mouthful!) Daughter Morgan is 2. Tim is still lobstering and blackfishing. **Darelle and Kindie Samuel Barkus**, joined by her "gorgeous" husband and 2 boys, had a quick visit while Kindie was in Baltimore in May. **Stephanie Belk Loter** and her husband welcomed Benjamin Thomas into their family, 5/16. Big sister Abilene is enjoying helping out with diapers, toys and pacifiers.

Stephanie and **Cady Thomas** had lunch recently. She still works for Novartis Animal Health in Greensboro, commuting 75 mi. daily. **Kristy Winstead Anderson** also added to their family. Katelyn Elizabeth was born 6/18. Big brothers Justin and Christopher are so excited. Despite the harsh winter, the Anderson family is settled into OH and Kristy's practice is going well. **Tiffany Whitmire Graham** and husband Bart have one son, Caleb (5). Tiffany celebrated 7 yrs. in real estate and opened a Keller Williams Realty office in Columbus, GA. A huge undertaking, but worth it! **Candice Broughton Maillard** is expecting a new addition to their family in 2/11. Oldest son Everest begins 1st grade in Sept. He's excited

to no longer have naps! Judah will have another yr. at preschool to study bugs and come home with shoes filled with sand. **Lisa Williams** is still in London and doing creative projects for BBC, including assisting with ideas for comedy and entertainment shows. Wrote her 1st comedy TV series. Life is good! No interest yet in settling down. She misses SBC and says that it was an amazing experience and learned so much. **Erin Wortley Vallere** still works

Fire Support for the Marine Corps. Her daughter celebrated her First Holy Communion in May. **Erikka Sund Neal** (with son Sam), **Joanne Hopkins** and **Page Darney** were there to celebrate. Joanne, Erin and a colleague relayed an Olympic distance triathlon in Jul. They came in 1st for the mix-gender relay. **Anne Smith Culver** keeps in touch with **Andrea Sheets McCahey**; they live down the road from one another. Anne's oldest is 10, 2nd is 8 and youngest is 5 and in kindergarten. Ann hopes to work full-time when school begins. She thinks she'll teach at the school her children attend. **Astrid Liverman** got married to Taylor Streetman. Nuptials were 5/28/10 at SBC. Congrats! **Heather Smith** finished school and works full-time as a diet tech for a group of dietitians in Chattanooga, TN. They specialize in enteral nutrition (tube feeding) for patients once they've been discharged home. In her spare time, Heather works on needlepoint projects and has a new sport, boxing! Amazing stress reliever and confidence booster! **Melissa Coffey** married Tommy Gay on 6/12 in the Rose Garden at Oak Ridge Estate in Nelson County. Bridesmaids were: **Jennifer Anderson**, **Rhonda Tyree** and **Heather Plank** '96. Melissa is the director of alumnae relations at SBC. Visit her at Boxwood Alumnae House if you're ever in the area! **Chantel Bartlett** continues working with exchange students, but not for long! After an upcoming business trip to Thailand in 9/10, she'll give her notice. Then on to bigger things! Her latest passions are health and Zumba. She'll become certified to teach this fall. **Cady Thomas** is having a busy summer with the end of a successful legislative session completed. She saw **Susan Barney** in May and will see **Serena Putegnat** and **Tara Putegnat** '00 in Aug. **Kim Izquierdo** was in D.C. for a business trip and was able to catch up with **Joanne Hopkins** and **Chantel Bartlett**.

## 1999

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**Natasha Alam** will marry Brian Ash on 8/7/10 in Ithaca, NY. The couple moved from NYC to Chicago in November with their bulldog and cat, all are loving it. She's currently the SVP of Operations at Physicians Interactive.

**Kelley Dize Anderson** celebrated her 10-yr. wedding anniv. with h. s./college sweetheart Adam Anderson and is thoroughly enjoying the life of a stay-at-home mom with her daughters, Costen (5) and Holland (3).

**Kim Bolz-Andolshek** started a new job at Ideal System Solutions, Inc. sell-

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ing technology products and services to federal, state, local government and small to mid-size business. Kim went to visit Noelle Milbury in FL this Jun., it was great to catch up after many yrs. Kim is very busy with work, her role as chair of the Pequot Lakes School Board, and her 3 children.

**Devon Vasconcellos Bijansky** and husband Steve finished a year-long process of tearing down an old house and designing and building a new super-green home in Austin, where they hope to stay.

**Rachel Brattle** and husband Chris are doing well in northern CA. They spent a 2-wk. dream vacation in northern Italy in May — a fantastic time.

**Andrea Capano** and husband Roderick will welcome a new baby in 1/11. Alexander (4) is excited to have a little sister/brother! Andrea is entering her 10th yr. of teaching and also works as a science consultant in ME.

**Sara Catherine Clyburn Corbett** has moved to NOVA from Pittsburgh and is director of admissions at The Auburn School in Herndon. She and husband Courtney are glad to be back in VA and are looking forward to getting involved with the SBC and HSC alumni chapters in the D.C. region.

**Jennifer Crutcher** lives in Dallas with darling cat Bean and working as a beauty and fashion freelance writer, all the while fussing over her unfinished novel. She's been dating JD Norris (Baylor '06, SMU '08) for a yr.

**Natasha White Gamboa** is living in the San Francisco Bay area with husband Juan and 2 sons, Sebastian (2 ½) and Lucas (4 mos.). She retired from teaching tennis full time over a yr. ago, but continues to teach a couple hrs. each wk. She loves being a stay-at-home mom and is amazed by how quickly kids grow up.

**Brandi Whitley Hilder** started a new job and moved in May, so it's been a busy summer. She's now a senior clinical research manager with Array Bio-pharma, leading several clinical trials for cancer drugs. She, Tom, and Amelia moved from Chapel Hill to Durham and love having more space and a big back yard.

**Sarah Elkins Ince** gave birth to her 1st (and only) child Asa David Ince on 12/8/09. Asa was born at 4:17 a.m., weighing 7lbs 7oz and 21 in. It was a trial for mom who dealt with HELLP Syndrome and went through an emergency c-section, but all are happy and healthy now. Asa is sporting a full head of hair, huge blue eyes, and 2 razor sharp teeth. Sarah still resides outside of Charlotte, NC, with husband Keith. In Jun., Sarah enjoyed the annual beach wk. to the Outer Banks, where she caught up with SBC Lacrosse Coach Hillary London and SBC Athletic Dept. facilities manager Jean Hazelwood.

**Lindsey Neef Kelly** is looking forward to a new adventure as she leaves her position of 3 yrs. to begin work at the firm of Shapiro and Burson in Virginia Beach, where she'll continue to practice foreclosure and title law. She's writing a public blog at



<http://highheeledmom.com>. Come visit to read about life as a working mom of 3 girls under four yrs. old.

**Sarah Kingsley** is working at the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce running their Young Professionals Program. She often sings the National Anthem for mayors and the Tides baseball team and plans on dancing in Virginia Opera's *Rigolatto* in fall. Cole (4) is looking forward to soccer.

**Valerie Roche Kite** had a big and busy yr: Moving to NE for her husband's new collegiate coaching job, welcoming baby #2, Shealyn Marianna, in Dec. and launching a new mother's resource blog: Village of Moms (<http://thevillage-ofmoms.com>).

**Meghan Pollard Leypoldt** is expecting a baby boy 9/30/10 to join daughter Piper! Life continues to be full of activity and happiness with being a mom and work, and she's looking forward to a visit with Sarah Kingsley over the summer as well.

**Heather McLeod's** full-time job continues to be mom. Baby Hazel will turn one this fall, a week after son Eamon turns 3.

**Emily Sartor Patterson** and husband Brad welcomed Tyler (12 pounds!) to the world on 7/19/10. Big Sister Claire (22 mos.) is enjoying her new role and "helping" take care of her baby brother. After maternity leave, Emily will return to working part time at Duke Medical Center, where she is a therapist for families who have cancer.

**Betsy Wilbun Ranson** is making the most of summer with daughter Lexi (18 mos.) She has also volunteered to teach summer school at Appomattox County H. S., where she's taught for 8 yrs. She's chairperson for the Special Ed. Dept. and currently co-teaches geometry, algebra and English. Betsy and J.D. will celebrate their 9th wedding anniv. in Sept.

**Katie Leeming Sparkman** is still living in CT and loving the summer by the beach after the long winter. She's expecting her 3rd child in Sept. She hasn't seen any fellow vixens in way too long and hopes to change that after the baby arrives.

**Lindsay Hicks Watrous** is living in Phoenix with husband Tim, and sons Drew (2) and Owen (6 mos.) The boys keep her busy at home and are the loves of her life.

## 2000

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Congrats 2000 for celebrating our 10th yr. as alumnae! I hope this finds you well...

There are so many blessings for our gals and many that have become proud mommies! **Kimberly Leach Burge** gave birth to Sarah Margaret on 7/8/10 and loves parenthood with husband Christian. **Katie Wright Thomas** welcomed her 2nd son Michael Elliot on 8/09 and her oldest son, Spence Jr. will be 4 this year. She continues to devote her time to volunteer organizations, competing in equestrian circuits and writing news articles in local publications. She saw

**Jackie Hauslein Kruchten** with son named Caleb born 6/10. Katie will be attending **Carol Skirloff's** upcoming marriage to Pierce Starr of New Orleans on 11/26/10. They're going to the Maldives for their honeymoon. **Amanda Atkinson** has double the blessings with twins Arlo Christopher Atkinson and Gus Edwin Atkinson born on 7/11/10. **Laura Wessells Walsner** took a break from teaching to be with daughter Emily Grace, born 5/13/10. **Josie Beets** loves her work as she balances life with Sonia (4 mos.) Josie and Sean are in rural LA where she represents children in child abuse and protection cases. **Kristy Chatham** is awaiting the arrival of her son in Nov. with husband Brian. Their new home is scheduled for completion in Oct. In Sept., she plans on a mini-reunion with **Elizabeth Hamshaw Mitchell**, **Lindsey Custer**, Melanie Naquin Mayberry '01, and Amy Whitney Rippey '01 where they'll visit Kristy's condo in Sarasota, FL. Lindsey enjoyed catching up with **Sarah Cunningham** on their drive to SBC for reunion. Other reunion attendees included **Nicole Lamm** who is gaining new certifications for fitness instruction in the D.C. area; **Amanda Ankerman**, **Alison Stockdale** and husband Adam Newcomer, **Christine Bump** and her hubby Elias Papasawas rounded off the D.C./NOVA gang and had a great time. Also present were: **Evangeline Easterly Taylor** and husband Eric, Brian and **Kristen Lawlor Steege**, **Tara Putegnat**, **Gregor Lee**, Chad and **Kimberly Harden Fella**, Josie, baby Sonia and Sean, **Katie Cesarz**, **Amanda Elizabeth Baker**, **Sarah Lester**, **Melissa Bellan**, and myself with my daughter Sahara (6) and Mason (4). I have been busy getting our new house in Yorktown, VA ready where I'll be teaching ballroom dance and taking photographs out of the home studio. Nicole will visit end of Aug., and we'll be hanging out at Yorktown Beach where I had the honor of taking photos of **Lindsey Brooker Brooks** and her 2 boys: James Emerson (4) and David Epps (1). Lindsey is active with Relay for Life and church. **Wendy Bramlett Jolly** is in Leesburg, VA, with daughters Clara (3) and Megan (9 mos.) where she is now running the Compensation and HRIS Dept. for NEW Customer Service Companies. Recently, **Germaine Gottshe Wilson** and daughter Addie (1) visited Wendy; their girls had fun together at the pool. **Anne Ryan Craig** and family is unpacking and enjoying their new home in Stephens City, VA. Her Abbey turned 4 in May and Anne is working as assistant dir. of a private preschool. **Cara Millar Bean** and Scott are enjoying their newly remodeled home along with their teenage daughters, 2 dogs, 3 cats and a pond of fish. Big moves are in store for **Amy Hess Snawder** and Jared, who is leaving Melbourne, Australia, and heading to Schweinfurt, Germany. She hopes to visit **Kim Harden Fella** who moved to Stuttgart on 6/1/10. Kim's husband works with the Special Ops Side of EU-COM and Kim resigned as a school counselor in Macon to be a substitute teacher there with the DOD schools. **Susan Bobb** will soon follow the move to Germany in fall where she'll settle into a research position at the U. in Goettingen in their psych. dept. Son Benjamin

(15 mos.), her "whirling dervish," keeps their lives interesting. **Evangeline** and Eric are moving to Baku, Azerbaijan with the Dept. of State for 2 yrs. Evangeline will switch gears from being a scientist to a new job as a community liaison officer at the embassy, planning holiday parties, day trips and welcoming new arrivals. **Melissa Fauber Carter** is in Amherst County with husband Jack (H-SC '00), Clara (4) and Aubrie (19 mos.). She's moving to a new school in the fall to teach 2nd grade. **Sarah Lester** passed her comps exam for her Masters of Education in school counseling. **Mandy Rice** is making a career change and is on track to become a nurse in 8/11. **Elizabeth Rice Kinnaman** is a 1st grade teacher and still loving life as wife and mommy to Ashlyn (10), Kolby (8), Austin (6), Brenton (4), and Katelyn (2). **Brandy Cash Watts** and her husband Les celebrated 6 yrs. of marriage and she is beginning her 11th year of teaching in Nelson Co. She attended **Torrie Camden's** wedding in Jun. **Lacey Banis** will marry Kelly Vorrasi in CT on 01/11 and Jen Crutcher '99 will be attending. Lacey has a new job as editor at All You magazine, which is published by Time, Inc. and Kelly works as a production coordinator at the History Channel. **Monica Signoretti** is a Ph. D. candidate in classics at Johns Hopkins and enjoyed catching up with Evangeline. **Lina Haielul** sees Sophia Kassim Ghorbani '97 often and saw Andrea, Tamara and Shweta '01 when they visited the NOVA area and **Chhavi Sharma** and her family every once in a while. **Dina Orblson** is working as a zoo keeper at the Santa Ana Zoo in Anaheim, CA. She visited **Lindsay Perkins** and **Elizabeth Keating Michaels** in ME. Jessica Livingston writes that she's active growing lacrosse in AZ. She'll be running her 1st big tournament in AZ in 3/11. Jessica ran into Vinca Swanson '94. She plans on visiting family in Canada this mo. **Becky Stephenson** is traveling in Scotland, Janice Anne D. Troesch is living in Switzerland, **Virginia Gilbert Smith** is on a camping trip in Cape Cod, MA, with her family. **Sarah Beazley Ogden** took a beach trip to Ocracoke, NC, and **Laurie Evans Lamb** had some fun at Hooker Falls in Dupon State Forest in NC with her family.

## 2001

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Can't wait to see everyone in May! You all have been a busy lot!

**Ariana Wolynec-Werner** is sleeping in North Bethesda, MD, while living in the cube farm that makes up the headquarters of the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security. After completing the Presidential Management Fellows Program, she was promoted to executive officer and acting deputy director for strategy, plans and policy in the Office of Intelligence and Analysis. Her 16 children, 8 each of tomato and cucumber plants, grown completely indoors and pollinated manually, are producing countless edible grandchildren, just the kind she likes.

Ariana enjoys visiting **Amanda Campbell Wright** and family in Austin, TX, when she can. Ariana completed her 2nd marathon on behalf of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and purchased a 2nd home in New Orleans, LA, as she prepares for retirement. Ariana boycotts Facebook and is publicly loathed by her only animate companion, the feline Kit-Mo.

Phill and **Erin Packard Harrison** are pleased to welcome baby boy Xavier to their family. Xavier was born 7/12/10. Erin and X are doing well. Erin and Phill are excited to have him meet all his new friends at Reunion next yr. Erin will be going back to teaching part time next fall.

**Sarah Kenning** writes, "Husband Tyler will finish his residency in 6/11 and we'll move to Philadelphia for a yr. for him to complete his fellowship. Life in Albany has been great, but I'm looking forward to our move. This past yr. with son Jackson has been wonderful. I'm amazed by him every day! I still work as a speech language pathologist, but have cut my hours to part time. I've had the pleasure of visiting with **Meghan Stawasz Frier**, **Katie Wood Rae** and their families over the summer. I'm looking forward to Reunion, hope to see everyone there!"

Despite a couple of setbacks, **Christine Rangel** has been enjoying NYC. She continues doing business development and government outreach liaison work in construction management. She recently joined the Board of Directors at The Mayor's Alliance for NYC's Animals, a nonprofit working to erase adoptable pet euthanasia by '15. She saw Kassie Brown '02, Jackie Devine Clayborn '03, her sisters Victoria '04 and Jane '06, Chris Murphy '06, and Joanna Wood '06 in NYC, and hangs out with Alicia Gorman '06 often. She competed in several water polo competitions in Canada and the Eastern U.S. representing Team New York Aquatics, including one in D.C., which gave her a chance to see Alison Funkhouser '03, Casey Perlow '02, Whitney Bryant '02 and Misa Sarmento '02. She's now on a break from water polo to repair hip joint cartilage tears, the first surgery of which **Sarah Belanger Levinson** came up to NYC to play nurse! Now healing, she can't wait to get back to competing in fall. She travelled to London and Switzerland on vacation with sister Jane '06. P.S., she's looking for a new job anywhere in the world, so give her a holla if you know of anything interesting!

**Mariana Souza** lives in Rio and is soon moving to her new home with husband Humberto and Beatriz (1). She's a senior lawyer at Veirano Advogados in Rio.

**Kim Schmidt Miscavage** and husband, Brian welcomed their 1st baby, Maxwell Alexander, 12/26/09. After spending 3 mos. on bed rest, they were thrilled to have a healthy, full-term baby boy! Between caring for Max and working as a human resources advisor for Tyco Electronics, there's barely any time to relax, but she managed to sneak a visit in with **Nia Fonow Ravenstahl** and daughter Cassidy this summer. Kim, Brian and Max are looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion!

**Lori Kovatch Long:** "Things are busy



in KY. The farm and my job at Kentucky BioProcessing leave me little time for other things. On a sad note we lost our Great Dane, Merlin (4) in Apr. He was my 1st dog; I miss him dearly. We did get 2 knew puppies to fill the emptiness, a boxer and a German shepherd, Duncan and Murphy, respectively. They're full of joy (and trouble). I keep in touch with **Lauren Kaplan Slobin**, **Allison Brown Breene**, **Christy Holterman Ziegler** and **Hillary Herlehy** regularly. Christy, Ali, Hillary and I got together last Christmas for a dinner in Brooklyn! We hope to meet up again this yr. in Dallas for the birth of Lauren's baby. Hope the class of 2001 is doing well, can't believe it's been 10 yrs."

**Elizabeth Haberle Davis** and husband James expect their 2nd child (boy!) in late 10/10. Wyatt Nelson Davis, her 1st, was born in 7/08. She's still practicing law with James in Mt. Sterling, KY, and enjoying small town life. She was so glad to see **Hunter McOwen Byrd** and **Nikki Gilkison La Rue** in 7/10 when they came to visit.

**Nia Fonow Ravenstahl** and husband Matt welcomed 3rd child Cassidy Ellen by adoption this past Sept. Nia finished her teaching contract for the yr. and will be taking a yr. of leave to be with Cass. The family followed Matt to Durham U. in the UK as he worked on his Ed. D. this summer, giving Nia a chance to catch up with **Jessica McClosky** in New-castle. It was like no time had passed! Nia enjoyed meeting Max Miscavage this yr. as she visited with **Kim Schmidt Miscavage** before leaving for the summer. The Ravenstahl's can't wait to see everyone at Reunion!

**Jana Putnam Sayler** and husband Erik celebrated their 3rd anniv. in Jul. She's expecting their firstborn mid-Jan. and is looking forward to hosting her family for Christmas in Tallahassee.

**Rami Achterberg Heers** and Jesse will welcome their 2nd baby boy at the end of Sept. **Amy Tabb** and husband Dave welcomed baby boy Jesse on 4/27/2010. The new parents are having lots of fun with the little guy. **Leah Brooks Waldrip** and husband Adam welcomed 2nd child Sabrina Ann Waldrip on 3/8/10. Lucy Brooks Thomas '00 and baby Norah visited their new niece and cousin. Leah is excited to introduce Sabrina to SBC.

## 2002

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Hi Class of 2002! We hope you're well. Some of you need a new email address, so please email one of us or the Alumnae Office (the @sbc.edu's don't work anymore)! For those of you who aren't avid writers, hopefully we'll hear from you next time?! Here's the scoop: **Jennifer Taylor Catano** continues to live and work in Houston, TX, with husband Dave. The last yr. has been exciting

since she was pregnant with her 1st child. Jennifer and Dave took a baby-moon trip to CA in Feb., spent 1 night with **Amanda Davis Stevens** in Sacramento while on their way to San Francisco. Amanda and Jennifer were able to compare baby bumps, which made the trip fun! Jennifer and her husband welcomed daughter Taylor Grace Catano on 5/20/10. She came 2 wks. early at 5 lbs., 11 oz and 20.5 in. Jennifer's labor and delivery were wonderful and Taylor Grace is growing like a weed! Jennifer is also fortunate to work part time after maternity leave so she can spend more time with Taylor. **Mary Tassone Dunlevy** and husband Dale welcomed 1st child Ariana Elaine on 4/2/10, 6 lbs., 4oz. On 2/13/10, Mary's parents threw her a baby shower attended by **Kathy Fowler**, **Rachel Roth Allred**, and Amy Waller '04. **Rachel Roth Allred** was also expecting and her 1st baby was born less than 24 hrs. before Ariana. Rachel and Toby's little girl Cristina Brianne was born on 4/1/10 (no fooling). She's the only one in the house without a Mar. birthday. Rachel is enjoying being a mom and can't believe how much pink and green clothing her daughter has (future SBC girl?) She's still teaching in Prince Georges County, MD, however this fall she'll be teaching 2nd grade at Greenbelt Elementary in Greenbelt, MD. Rachel is excited about this transfer — a shorter commute and more family time. She's looking into pursuing her Master's in Education. **Katie Gjeldum Fraser** and husband Jim moved to Martinsburg, WV. 2nd child Peter was born 5/26/10. **Angie Withers Dawson** wanted to announce that 2nd child Ashley Elizabeth Dawson was born on 1/29/10. She's growing fast to keep up with big sister Casey. **Katie McNamara Brown** and daughter Carolyn Joy (2) enjoyed a beach trip to Emerald Isle, NC, with family. Katie is enjoying teaching Carolyn to swim and ride. She switched careers to work in the IT industry as a government contractor and moved to Arlington, VA, in Apr. to be closer to her work location. Visitors welcome! **Emily Yerby** loves her new job with The Greater Boston Food Bank! So rewarding. She and partner Gretchen are having a great summer with their full house of four 4-leggers! **Lindsey Keller Sullivan** is pregnant and due 10/7/10.

**Christina Kingsley Link** is also pregnant and 3 days behind Lindsey, due on 10/10/10. Lindsey says it was not a pregnancy pact just a very blessed coincidence! Lindsey is still busy working at her theatre as their equity stage manager in Denver, CO. All is well and happy. **Arney Walker** moved from Arlington to the Eastern Market section of Capitol Hill. She is a full time wedding planner with Pineapple Productions in NW D.C. and is running her own calligraphy business. **Sophie Wackenhut Szymanski** and family still live in Al Ain, United Arab Emirates until mid-2011. Their 2nd child, Easton Brooks, was born on 6/6/10. **Becky Lewis Dowdy** still lives in Germany with husband Joe and Weimeraner Dorian (5). She continues to teach middle school science and ran her 2nd marathon in Orlando, FL, in 1/10. Becky and Joe are expecting their 1st baby in Mar! **Tamara Young Metzfield** and husband Dennis are expecting

their 3rd child on 12/13/10, a boy. Daughters Emma and Cora are super excited to have a little brother! She cherishes her time at home with her children. Tamara is also in the process of selling their house and moving up to Northern VA, where Dennis started a new job with Deloitte. She's excited about the move and being closer to more alumnae! **Emily Johnston** does fashion writing for Hello! magazine and Fashion Foie Gras, which has been written up by Vogue UK and Vogue Japan as the new must view for fashion news: www.fashionfoiegras.com. Emily is director of public relations for the auction house, Spink, in London. She bought a flat there with her boyfriend; they plan to buy a house on the coast of CA so everyone will have to visit! **Nada Basanti Golden** and husband Jay had son Harrison Fleet Golden on 6/23/10. She and Jay are beyond thrilled! **Katherine Moncure Stuart** and husband Harrison moved to Orange, VA, where he accepted a job at Woodberry Forest as dir. of alumni affairs. Son Teddy will be 2 and in late Sept., and they'll be welcoming another baby! They're waiting to find out the sex. **Serena Basten** is getting married to Louey Kachinsky on her dad's farm in Amherst, VA, on 9/12/10. She lives in the San Francisco Bay area and works for Kaiser Oakland as an ER nurse. Serena and Louey have Rotweiler puppy Yara Bear keeping them busy. **Casey Perlow** is getting married on 9/4/10 at Valhalla Vineyards in Roanoke, VA. Sarah Levinson '01, **Whitney Bryant**, and **Misa Sarmento** are in the bridal party. **Misa Sarmento** has traveled this yr. to exciting places including Cambodia, Laos, Borneo, other areas of South East Asia, Prague and Slovakia. She sees **Whitney Bryant**, **Casey Perlow**, Allison Funkhouser '03, and Sarah Bellanger Levinson '01 often. It was surprising and fantastic to see her at the Charlottesville Half Marathon in May, when she was supposed to be in London! **Whitney Bryant** started her own web based company, www.whitneybryantart.com, specializing in custom paintings and photography. **Christi Rose Hart** lives in Richmond with Jason and daughter Kendall (3) and will welcome baby #2 in Dec.! She has traveled a lot this summer and visited **Sonya Truman** and **Maria Thacker** in Atlanta, GA. In Richmond, Christi also saw Samm Grist '03 and **Tamara Young Metzfield**. **Meghan Gregory** graduated in Aug. with her M.B.A. She's enjoying her new nephew and patiently awaiting her mom's new shop to open in Raleigh, NC, called Upper Crust Pie and Bakery Shop. **Denise McDonald Gentry** went to Atlanta to celebrate **Maria Thacker's** 30th birthday and had a great time seeing all of the girls again! She got a job with Hoover & Strong Inc. in Richmond, VA, which she enjoys. She and husband Temple stay busy taking care of their 3 dogs. In Apr., **Susan Seitz Jackson** and family sold their Madison Heights home and bought a cute cottage in sunny Charleston, SC. Susan is searching for gainful employment and hosting lots of yard sales to downsize to their new digs. All are trying to take up surfing, including Ben (3 ½) and Sam (1 ½), who absolutely love the beach! **Alicia McCartney** moved to Paris in Jun. They live

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in le Marais (4th arrondissement). This summer she's spending the weekends traveling (Brussels, London, Amsterdam, Geneva, Prague, Budapest and Spain). Alicia is enjoying Paris, learning French, shopping at neighborhood markets and picnics on the Seine. They're planning on living in Paris until the fall '11. La vie est belle! **Maria Thacker** is still in Atlanta, GA, and started her own event planning company called Maria Thacker Events, http://www.mariatracker.com. She threw a great 30th birthday party in which **Denise McDonald Gentry**, **Kelly Monical**, **Brook Buck**, **Lori Nilan**, **Sonya Truman**, and Ashley Johnson McGee '03 were in attendance. She also went to Bermuda and Yellowstone. If you need her for events, she's your woman! **Sonya Truman** is fixing up her new house. She took a trip to Costa Rica this summer, a fantastic time. She came to **Maria Thacker's** birthday and is enjoying Atlanta. **Lori Smith Nilan** is training for her 2nd marathon in Nov. She's been training in the Richmond, VA, heat! She loves hanging out with her 2 Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Phoebe and Bridget. Lori and Andrew went on their annual family trip to ME in Aug. In Oct. she'll go on a rafting/hiking trip with **Kelly Monical**, **Denise Gentry**, Ashley Johnston McGee '03, **Maria Thacker**, **Sonya Truman**, and **Brook Buck** to celebrate her 30th birthday. As for me, **Brook Tucker Buck**, RN, graduated in May from nursing school with a BSN and thankfully passed the extremely difficult nursing licensing exam! On 8/9/10, I'll begin working 12-hr. days on an Orthopedic Trauma unit at Carolina's Medical Center, Charlotte's largest and public hospital. Since there isn't a nursing shortage in NC, I was thrilled to actually get a job! Trey is thrilled to finally have 2 incomes! I did my first 8K in Charlottesville, VA, with the help of Ashley Johnston McGee '03 in May, which **Maria Thacker** and **Kelly Monical** also finished. **Lori Nilan** and **Misa Sarmento** finished the half marathon, while **Denise McDonald Gentry** cheered us on. I'm trying to do my 1st half marathon in Dec. Our chocolate lab Beaufort continues to be the cutest dumb dog and reached the 100lb mark at a 1 ½! I'm excited about having my life back and actually having time to do things again! Good Luck to all of our new moms and moms-to-be, and see you again in spring!

## 2003

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**Jane McKenzie Davis** finished the renovations on her 1870s VA farmhouse 12/09 and is ready for guests! She loves her job as an HR Business Partner at Martha Jefferson Hospital and received her M.B.A. in '07 and her SPHR in '09. Jane wanted to thank all of her SBC friends who've been so supportive



during the last 4 yrs. since the death of her husband, Jackson.

**Carolyn Eney Miller** married Matthew Miller on 5/29/10 on Seabrook Island, SC. Serving as bridesmaids were **Meg Foley, Sara Kemper, Allison Albanis Strohmeier**, and Sara Miller '02. **Blair Balgent** was a reader. Other SBC guests included **Emma Kate Payne, Natasha Ungerer** and Eliza Chenault Hamnett '02. It was a wonderful weekend and a mini reunion for all of them!

**Courtney Yerdon Gleason** started a graduate program at UNC-Charlotte and will graduate next summer. She saw Samira Hossain '05 in D.C. and at her wedding in Mexico earlier this summer. She continues to visit with **Lindsay Kinyon Ashton** and **Lara Hansen**. She's looking forward to attending Homecoming with Lindsay, **Danielle Ross Oberg**, and me this fall!

**Nahliah Webber** received her M.A. in sociology and education from Teachers Coll. at Columbia U., and is a dir. of youth programs for Phipps Community Development Corp., a Manhattan non-profit. She had a mini reunion with **Kanela Mayo** and Christina Burroughs '04 in 2010.

**Michaela Krohn** graduated Magna Cum Laude from Life Chiropractic Coll. West on 06/05/10 and is now a Dr. of Chiropractic. She'll be moving to AK in 8/10 to practice; until then, she's been hanging out with Emma Kate in the Bay Area.

**Christine Allne Nail** had 2nd child Jaxon Daniel Beisker on 2/3/10.

**Rachel Howell Smith** had 1st son Duncan McAuley Smith on 07/07/09.

**Amanda Carpenter Page** lives in Bedford County, VA with her husband and son (20 mos.). She works for the local dept. of social services as a foster care worker. She and her husband have been married for 2 yrs. and are hoping to add another child to their family very soon, as well as moving into their new house.

I, **Courtney Arnott Silverthorn**, attended a mini reunion dinner in D.C. on 6/26/10. Although I was the only representative from the Class of '03, I had a blast hanging out with Katie Marie Vaughan '06. I also completed my 1st sprint triathlon on 6/20/10, and am training for my 2nd on 9/19/10. I too am looking forward to Homecoming with Courtney, Danielle and Lindsay in 9/10!

## 2004

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**Leah Philhower** was promoted and is taking over the Victoria's Secret in Greenville, SC. She moved to Taylors, SC in Jul.

**Stacey Maddox** finished her 1st yr. of medical school at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and was awarded a MOSS scholarship for out-of-state students. She spent the summer at her home in Scottsville, VA, resting and studying for boards. She and husband Rodney Hammack celebrated their 6th wedding anniv. in

Puerto Escondido, Mexico in Jul. Stacey moved back to Lewisburg, WV into a new, larger house and is excited about her 2nd yr. of medical school!

**Jozanne Summerville** spent a month gallivanting in South Africa for the 2010 World Cup! An incredible experience of new places, people and animals! She's happy to be back in D.C. to enjoy the summer events and prepare for her next holiday in fall. She's in the midst of an M.B.A. program at the U. of MD and still working for the U.S. Navy.

**Tasha Purcell** relocated from Las Vegas, NV, to Jackson Hole, WY, in 5/10 to take a position with the Teton Science Schools, loves it! She's exploring one of the most beautiful places in the country (almost as beautiful as Sweet Briar, VA!) She plans to complete her 1st century ride in Aug! In 1/10, Tasha flew in from Vegas to meet up with **Maria Kitchin** and **Laura Pearson** in Charlottesville, VA.

**Camille Simmons** is enjoying summer break from teaching Spanish in Bermuda and had a wonderful time traveling to D.C. and VA to catch up with **Hailey Hermosa, Khadine Fisher**, and Caville Stanbury '06 this summer.

**Schylar Ellis Burke**, husband Peter and son John Richard welcomed 2nd child Victoria Katherine Burke on 3/16/10 at 7lbs, 5 oz and 18 ¾ in. Peter was promoted with Halliburton and chosen to move back to WV from TX.

**Kerry Keins Mutschelknaus** and Joe welcomed 1st son Connor Joseph on 7/17/10. He weighed 9lbs, 13oz. Connor Joseph is the grandson of Kristi Karpinski Mutschelknaus '77. Kerry, Joe and Connor live in Arlington, VA, with 2 black labs.

**Ashleigh Kresslein** saw **Virginia Fowler Volgt** at her wedding on 4/17 at SBC where she was a bridesmaid. Other SBC bridesmaids were Erin Keck Walsh '03 and Karen Dennehy Godsey '05. Ashleigh is engaged and living in Charleston, SC, with her fiancé, 2 labs and cat.

**Breanne Leiberger** moved to Richmond in 7/10 to accept a teaching position at Cosby High School in Midlothian, VA. She'll be living with Virginia Everett '07 and teaching 10th grade and is excited to spend time with her SBC friends in Richmond, like **Kelli Bergmann Thomasson**.

**Kelli Bergmann Thomasson** relocated with her husband to Hanover Co., VA, where they reside in the home her husband grew up in. In addition to the move, Kelli has landed a new job as an online instructor for h. s. AP courses and is excited to work from home.

**Elissa Davis** joined the circus. And by circus, I mean the Florida Public School System as a teacher.

In Jul., **Sarah Ruff** and **Kirkland Wohlrab** had lunch in Boston. Later that mo., Sarah travelled with **Sue Knouse** '05 to TX for Sue to start her M.A.

**Jennifer Burton** is living in Memphis, TN, working on her M.F.A. at U. of Memphis. She's expecting a boy, "Pace," due in 9/10.

**Sarah Elizabeth Bohn** is serving the Kyrgyz Republic as a U.S. Peace Corps NGO development volunteer. She is also a master's candidate at the School for International Training- Graduate Institute. Sarah hopes to complete her the-

sis on Post Conflict Development soon.

**Mary Morris Park** and husband Robert had Colin Patrick on 1/19/10. Colin joins Ethan (4) and Davis (2). Mary is still working as dir. of children and youth at First Presbyterian Church in Bluefield, WV, and working on her master's at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond. Mary saw **Autum Matysek-Snyder Fish**, son Xavier and husband Jeremiah on 7/31 in Waynesboro for lunch.

**Nicole Basbanes** unexpectedly received an opportunity to work as a Primary School Librarian at Fay School in Southborough, MA (her old middle school, no less) for the 2010/11 school yr., creating a new library for Pre-K to Kindergarten students. She'll be trading in her 3 jobs in Washington, D.C., as a medical librarian, music archivist and a personal assistant to Linda Reynolds Stern '66. While they're sad not to work together anymore, they'll remain lifelong friends and plan to keep in touch.

## 2005

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**Mindy Wolfrom** returned to SBC in May and saw several alumnae at Reunion 2010. She completed her 1st yr. of teaching Latin and an honors philosophy course at a public h. s. in Haverhill, MA. She sees Michelle Badger '06 and others at the Alumnae Club of Boston's gatherings.

**Amanda Watts** and James Moffett are engaged to be married on 4/9/11 in IL! Amanda still works for the federal government as a forensic document examiner, loves her job. She and Jimmy reside in Arlington, VA, and will start the house-hunting adventure soon.

**Denna Jackson** completed her teaching position at the MATCH charter h. s. in Boston, and she'll be attending Harvard U. (7/10) to begin a Ph.D. program in art history.

**Christie Sears Thompson** was married to Kevin Thompson (HSC '07) on 11/7/09 in SB's chapel, reception at the Conference Center. She's lived and worked in Denver since '06. She works at Regis U. in the Academic Resources Dept., loves it! She started classes in Jan. to earn her M.A. in marriage and family therapy through Regis. It'll take a few yrs. (she's set to graduate in 1/14), but then she'll be on the path towards her career as a professional therapist. She's enjoying married life and living in CO.

**Jan Jennings Need** and husband are expecting their 1st child.

**Miranda Zirbel Dobbins** was married on 5/15/10 to Jim Dobbins in a small backyard wedding at her home on Wadmalaw Island, SC. Blair Cooper '05 was an attendant. She's working as a travel agent for AAA, loving it.

Although **Katharina Fritzler** didn't make it to reunion, she caught up with **Mindy Wolfrom** in May. Katharina has a new job working with Alzheimer's patients as a recreational specialist. She loves it and has already received several marriage proposals from the pa-

tients. In her spare time, Katharina continues her journey as a cat lady; still loves rock climbing. This yr., she climbed in WV, NC and KY. While in KY, she saw Sabrina Via Scott '03.

**Brentz Basten East** had an awesome time at Reunion and looks forward to the next one. She and husband Matt are expecting their 2nd child in the beginning of Jan.

**Courtney Kiel** was engaged to Ben LeBlanc during the summer. She'll be getting married this spring!

**Krystal Dean Tucker** completed her M. Ed. (7/09) in educational leadership from Longwood U. She's been employed by Appomattox County Public Schools for the past 5 yrs. as a 5th grade language arts teacher. Krystal will be taking a yr. off, as she and her husband, Blake, plan to welcome their 1st child, Wyatt Blake Tucker, in Aug. Krystal and Blake reside in Keysville, VA, with Weimaraner Cooper. Krystal keeps in touch with **Laura Brockman Bryan, Katie Nlemeier**, and **Lyndsay Welsh Chamblin**.

**Casey Poore Filppin** is teaching 6th grade Science and History at Nottoway Intermediate School. She's also teaching dance at a local studio. She and husband Dustin are still living in Amelia County and have a new addition to her family: beautiful daughter, Emory Aline Filppin, was born 6/5/09.

**Nell Champoux** is in her 5th yr. of Ph.D. work in the Dept. of Religion at Syracuse U. and is writing her dissertation on medieval monastic magic. She loved seeing everyone at Reunion and had fun catching up with Denna Jackson over the summer in Boston.

**Ashley Forehand** will be married to Jeff Oakley on 9/25/10.

**Katie Parnell Robinson** and husband Donald (HSC '02) welcomed their 1st child Elizabeth-Anne Donald Robinson on 5/26/10. She was 8lbs, 3.6 oz and 21.75 in. She's growing like a weed and they love every minute! Katie also enjoyed seeing Megan Blaesing '07 and her sister Kirsten Blaesing '11 in all the fun showers and parties for Megan's upcoming nuptials! Katie is riding and looking forward to showing this yr!

**Sarah Kidd Burchett** is living in Richmond and starts a new job as a medical aesthetician at Renew Dermatology on 7/26. She's super-excited about it, since she's meeting one of her professional goals of working in a medical setting. She has a wonderful roommate and one cat to share the house with. She still rides for fun. Other than that, she's just trying to survive being single and in the dating pool again!

**Casey Fleming** and husband John-Michael had a baby boy, Charlie William Fleming, on 5/6/10. They're living in Cedarburg, WI.

## 2006

### Victoria Chappell Harvey

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**Michelle Badger** says, "I hope you've marked your calendar for our upcoming 5-yr. Reunion, May 20-22. **Michelle Badger, Sara Coffey**, and **Kathy Wilson**



are chairing our Reunion Giving committee and are working with 12 other members of our class to make sure that we break the records. Don't forget to participate in the Annual Fund this yr. The committee looks forward to calling our classmates and hopefully reconnecting with many of you at our Reunion." Michelle graduated in May from Suffolk U. with a MPA/MSPS and started working on a Campaign in Cape Cod. Let's hope for a win in Nov! She's excited for the opportunity. She hopes everyone is doing well and cannot wait to see everyone at Reunion.

**Nicki Brandt** spent last summer researching resident killer whales in the San Juan Islands of WA; then traveled down the coast to work with the Monterey Bay Aquarium doing sea otter research. **Julie Drake** lived nearby in San Jose, CA, so the 2 met up whenever possible, including a road trip where they saw Claire Carson '08 in Portland, OR. Julie is working for a private school, loves it! Julie also has the most adorable niece and nephew on the planet! And since late Jan., Nicki has been working with the School for Field Studies in Baja CA Sur, Mexico, researching marine mammals and sea turtles, filling a post that Samantha Clark '08 vacated (moving on to save sea turtles on the East Coast). While stateside, she caught up with **Melissa Massey** and **Mallory Sherwood** '09 (soon to be Mrs. Englestad) on a trip through Denver, CO. Melissa will be starting a graduate program in sociology in CO this fall. Other random road trips have brought her to the doorsteps of Liz Eager Marvel '05 and Rebecca Penny '08. At a visit to SBC she saw Kimberly Gibson '05 (soon to be Mrs. David McDonald), Grace Farnsworth Loughhead '04, Natalie Batman Barton '08 and Laura Staman. Also during visits back to VA, she's loved catching up with Dr. Cara Cherry, who graduated this yr. from VT's Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program and looks amazing in her white doctor coat. Nicki is looking forward to catching up with Kerri Faust, who has been in Columbia doing missionary work since 2008, during a visit later this yr.

**Cara Cherry** graduated from VA-MD Regional Coll. of Veterinary Medicine in May and can officially be referred to as Dr. Cherry (though she'd prefer Cara). She accepted a position as a Veterinary Medical Officer with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's Animal Care Division and is moving to Amarillo, TX. Let the adventures begin!

After 3 1/2 yrs. in Fort Campbell, KY, **Jennifer Jones Collins** and husband Thomas Collins have moved to Heidelberg, Germany! Although they have only been in Germany for several mos., they've already explored Belgium and will be heading down to Switzerland very soon. Jennifer was sad to leave her job and friends behind in America, but she's adjusting to the European lifestyle. She invites everyone to come visit!

**Victoria Chappell Harvey** is loving life in Japan! This summer has been fun with cultural festivals happening all over the country. She hopes that some of her SBC friends can come for a visit. Also, this past spring Victoria made a short trip back to the States where she had the honor of being a bridesmaid in her

dear friend **Allison Martell Heath's** wedding. While there, she saw **Lea Pyne**, **Kassie Caola** '07, **Charlotte Spellman** '05 and **Becky Teachey** '07. She also had a wonderful time seeing her sister-in-law **Suzy Harvey Hodge!**

**Elaine C. Mathews** married J. Brooks Honeycutt III on 6/26 at SBC's Chapel. They live in Chesterfield, VA.

**Allison Martell** married longtime beau **Michael Heath** on 4/17 at Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens in Charlotte, NC. She was surrounded by her best friends, amazing women: **Lea Pyne**, **Becky Teachey** '07, **Victoria Chappell Harvey**, **Charlotte Spellman** '05 and **Kassie Caola** '07.

**Lea Pyne** has enjoyed another yr. in the D.C./MD area. She is happily engaged to longtime boyfriend and other half **Michael Klumb**. They hope to marry in Sept. '11, most likely on a beach. Lea accepted a civilian position with the U.S. Navy, loves her job with Team Submarine in the Acquisition field. She continues to cycle with the Oxen Hill Cycling Club and to train for triathlons.

**Nicole Traylor** received her teaching license and post-baccalaureate in Education (biology) and is starting her 3rd yr. as a h. s. biology teacher. Next yr., she'll be moving to WA with Amy St. John and enrolling in the U. of WA for her Ph.D. program in biology.

**Jenn Wiley** married **Jamie Schmidt** on 7/31/10 in Las Vegas, NV, with closest friends and family, and her favorite SBC girls **Abby Adams**, **Lindsey Cilne** and **Joanna Meade**.

**Gemma Bourgeois** married **Philip Helbling** in Aug. '09 in Lynchburg. They were expecting a baby girl in Aug. '10

**Colleen Karaffa Murray** saw **Cara Cherry**, **Nicki Brandt**, **Melissa Massey** and **Kerri Faust** at SBC the day before **Haley Graham Bouvate's** wedding at Memorial Chapel this summer. Great to see old friends! Colleen is expecting 2nd baby girl **Scarlett** on 11/14/10, and is so excited for **Rosie** to have a sister!

## 2007

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It was fantastic to hear from all of you; thanks for sending news. I love hearing about all the awesome things that you'll are doing.

I still teach musical theatre in MI. The kids and I survived our 1st recital in Jun.; it went really well. I'll be teaching a camp at the studio in Aug. and then start teaching weekly classes in Sept. I was also asked to freelance with the h. s. theatre productions. I'm happy to be working in my field. I took my brother back to SVU in Buena Vista for his senior yr. and was able to visit SBC, or "the mother ship" as my dad has dubbed it, briefly. I walked around the new gym/activities center, it's awesome! It was a hot day and it made me grateful that we never had classes in Jul. I definitely miss it though, and all of you!

**Danielle Briggs-Hansen** still works at Systems Planning and Analysis. She writes, "Since starting with the company, I went from working in both HR

and Finance as an assistant, to working primarily in finance. I'm taking classes to supplement my on the job training. I had never envisioned myself working in finance, but I enjoy it! That's one great thing that SB taught me — to learn and succeed at new things!"

**Rosanna Hawkins Winner** says, "Rob and I are still living in Mt. Jackson, VA. We're finishing our living room since we've finished our nursery! Avarose Mackenzie Winner should be making her appearance sometime in early Nov. We're so excited. Hope everyone is doing well!"

**Kim Wadelton** is doing an architecture internship in Indonesia and is about to head out on a long backpacking trip across Asia. Upon her return she says "I'll be continuing my studies at GA Tech, working on 2 M.A.s, in architecture and in city and regional planning."

**Morgan Roach** lives in D.C. and works at The Heritage Foundation as a research assistant for foreign policy studies. Morgan became a contributor to The London School of Economics' British Politics blog and is a participant in the U.S. State Dept.'s Young Turkey/Young America exchange program. When she's not working, Morgan is travelling and preparing for a half marathon in Sept.

**Heidi Trude** teaches French at Skyline H. S. in Front Royal, VA. In May, she appeared in the school production of "The Sound of Music" and spent most of summer traveling around VA and PA visiting with friends and relatives. In Aug., Heidi will be taking a group of 40 students abroad to visit Ireland, Wales, England and France for 2 wks.

**Renee Tanner** in Amherst, MA, started her own business: Tasteful Treasures by Renee. She writes, "I am a Romance Enhancement Specialist. I offer in home parties in which women can touch, taste and feel a variety of fabulous products all meant to enhance their love lives. I also offer virtual parties for those who aren't in the New England area. I can be reached at ttbyreneegmail.com."

**Ferrell Lyles Smith** wrote in saying "I'm writing you all from Afghanistan, where I'll be for the next yr. with my job. If there are any SBC girls out here, let me know! Andrew and I got married over Memorial Day weekend this May, and honeymooned in beautiful Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands. It was wonderful having SBC girls **Lynnsey Brown**, **Katie Vaughan** '06, and **Amanda Ankerman** '00 with us in Bar Harbor, ME, at the wedding. I miss everyone, especially clean VA air (pretty dusty and smelly here). It makes me miss midnight Prothro break-ins for Moose Tracks ice cream. I can't wait to see you ladies at Reunion in 2012!"

**Natalie Pye** writes, "I've been getting great hands-on experience working at a law firm in Atlanta. This Aug., I'll be heading back to D.C. to start my 2nd yr. of law school at A.U. Wash. Coll. of Law. I'm on the Mock Trial Honor Society team and am looking forward to competing this yr. I've been enjoying the whole law school experience much more than any sane person should! I hope to see some SBC ladies this yr. at Homecoming!"

## CLASS NOTES

**Laura Schaefer** says, "Loving Portland and will be finishing up my yr. of service with AmeriCorps soon. I made a trip back to D.C. to visit Angelica Shea '06, Margaret Loebe '06, and **Rachel Reynolds**. I met up with Emma Meador '09, Julia Patt '09, Jessica Baker '09 and Liz Zuckerman '09 with Rachel for a mini-sister class reunion. Devon and I are enjoying time with our new rescue dog, Dexter, and I'm crossing my fingers that the upcoming job search goes well!"

**Kim Battad** works at Noteworthy Music School as a keyboard teacher. She says, "I'm excited to teach a new parent/child class where the parents and their preschoolers learn together. The kids make me laugh, and they love learning the music." Kim's best friend got married this summer and Kim was the maid of honor. "A small, beautiful ceremony, and I sang 'A Moment like This' as their 1st dance. I got to record it in a studio and everything! It was surreal," she says. In Aug. Kim will be returning to her childhood church camp, this time as a counselor and arts and crafts leader, and says, "I'm excited to have some fun. I'm also planning to move at the end of the summer, but will still be in the Bay area. If any alumnae are coming this way, let me know so we can catch up! Take care, everyone!"

**Sarah Kindschuh** is working her 2nd yr. as a biological science technician at the Valles Caldera National Preserve in NM. She writes, "I do a lot of monitoring: working on a turkey ecology study, an elk calf mortality study, long-term vegetation monitoring, fish monitoring, the list goes on. I'm keeping busy running around the mountains of beautiful northern NM, but missing my SBC amigos!"

**Eleanor O'Connor** is finishing her time at the U. Coll. of London and will be returning to the U.S.A. in Sept. with her M.A. in publishing. She has loved her time in the U.K., but is excited to return home.

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① Mary Haskins King, Anne Dickson Waldrop and Julia Mills Jacobsen celebrated their 65th reunion in May 2010. Julia was accompanied by her friend, Clarke McCartney.

② Four alumnae from the class of 1959 met in NYC for a mini reunion. Left to right: Claire Devener, Betsy Colwill Wieggers, Jackie Hekma Stone and Alice Cary Farmer Brown.

③ Betsy Duke Seaman '59, Tabb Thornton Farinholt '59, Molly Haskell Sarris '61, Cay Ramey Weimer '59, Isabel Ware Burch '60 and Tricia Cox Ware '59 attended Molly Haskell's lecture on her book "Frankly, My Dear."

④ Members of the Class of 1955 gathered in Louisville, Ky., in late June. Left to right: Kathleen Peebles Ballou, Camille Williams Yow, Jane Feltus Welch, Pam Compton Ware and Betty Byrne Gill Ware.

⑤ Caroline Casey McGehee Lindemann Brandt '49 and Paul Edwin Brandt were married on 5/11/10.

⑥ Fourteen members of the class of '49 gathered for their 60th reunion in 5/09. Standing left to right: Dot Rouse-Bottom, Alice Trout Hagan, Pat Brown Boyer, Katie Cox Reynolds, Caroline Casey Brandt, Larry Lawrence Simmons, Flip Eustis Weiner and Preston Hodges Hill. Seated left to right: Judy Easley Mack, Debby Carroll Conery, Carolyn Cannady Evans, Goode Geer DiRaddo, Kitty Hart Belew and Mary Fran Brown Ballard.

⑦ Ferrell Lyles '07 married Andrew Smith in Bar Harbor, Maine, on Memorial Day weekend 2010. Photo by: © Gjergj Ndoja, Volaj Photography, LLC

⑧ Caden & Lilah Froehlich, July 2010, children of Susan Whitehead Froehlich '96.

⑨ Christie Sears Thompson '05 married Kevin Thompson on 11/7/09. The wedding at SBC's Memorial Chapel included several alumnae guests, left to right: Jen Woodson Morton '05, Kelsey Holzman '05, Kathryn Davis '05, Kristen Bergquist '06, Chasity Clarke Miller '04, Sarah Parson Breeden '05, Rosanna Hawkins Winner '07, Lindsey Nash Hill '05 and Ashley Ruffead '05. Tiffany McCabe Carr '04, Jenni Stanley Thompson '03 and Jessica Taylor '06 also attended. Photo by: © J. Clinedinst Photography

⑩ Cathy Goslau '91, known as Tavi Rainold, with her horse, Copper Penny.

⑪ Several alumnae met for a mini reunion in the Adirondacks. Left to right: Elizabeth "Meg" Richards Wiederseim '78, Adelaide "Addy" Eshbach Donnelly '78, Vivian Yamaguchi Cohn '77, Elizabeth "Libby" White Drbal '77, Elizabeth "Keedie" Grones Leonard '76, Maggie Shriver '77 and Sarah "JoJo" Scott Busey '77. Not pictured are Mary Goodwin Gamper '78 and Meredith "Mimi" Borst Quillman '78, who also attended the reunion.



❶ Several 1976 alumnae met at the home of Tricia Cassidy O'Callahan to throw a surprise party for Janet Grainger, who was getting married. Left to right: Maureen Ryan (not an alumna), Janet Grainger, Sue Ellen Hood Mitchell, Laura Lee Bost, Kate Kelly Smith, Tricia Cassidy O'Callahan, Treacy Markey Shaw and Katy Mickell Corcoran.

❷ From left to right: Elizabeth Massy, Nicole Brandt '06, Mallory Sherwood '09 and Melissa Massy '06 with one of the original Waffle Brothers in Denver, CO, at Waffle Brothers.

❸ Alumnae gathered at the home of Buff Barkley Ramsey '96 the evening before classmate Katie Campbell Brumley's funeral. Standing from left to right: Wynn Cole Burr '96, Carson Scheppe Hobby '95, Meredith Williams Melmed '95, Maren Howard Leggett '95, Monica Paul Dennis '96, Amelia Dudman Atwill '96, Lee Foley Dolan '96, Jeni Brundage Turner '97, Elizabeth Hunter Ferguson '97 and Jesse Durham Strauss '96. Kneeling from left to right: Janna McClarty Chandler '96, Jessica John Ponce '95, Jessica Crowley Hershey '96, Buff Barkley Ramsey '96, Kathryn Black Watson '97 and Courtney Burke Harper '97.

❹ 1965 classmates Vicky Thoma Barrette and Nancy MacMeekin at the Great Wall of China, March 2010.

❺ Vivian Finlay '72 and husband Clyde Boyer at Halibut Cove in Homer, Alaska.

❻ Jennifer Gregg '91 completes the 185-mile Pan Mass Bike Challenge.

❼ Several alumnae from the Class of 1988 met for a mini reunion in New Orleans. Seated, left to right are: Paige Apple Montinaro, Mary Halliday Shaw, Bennett Haga and Whitney Bolt Lewis. Standing: Maia Free Jalenak, Kate Cole Hite and Kathryn Ingham Reese.

❽ 2002 alumnae ran together in the Charlottesville, Va., marathon in May. From left to right: Misa Sarmento, Kelly Monical Jones, Maria Thacker, Ashely McGee '03, Lori Smith Nilan, Denise McDonald Gentry, and Brook Tucker Buck.

❾ 1983 classmates Anne Little Woolley, Ann Goldmann Uloth, Lea Sparks Bennett and Katherine Barrett Baker met for a mini reunion at the Boar's Head Inn in Charlottesville, Va.

❿ Allison Martell '06 married Michael Heath on 4/17/10. Sweet Briar attendants from left to right: Becky Teachey '07, Charlotte Spellman '05, Lea Pyne '06 and Victoria Chappell Harvey '06.



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Thank you for responding ... to our recent e-mail alumnae survey.

Thank you for writing ... on the strategic planning blog at <http://strategicplan.blog.sbc.edu>.

Thank you for dreaming with us.

The strategic planning process is more than halfway completed. We began work last January on defining competitive advantages, expanding who we serve, becoming more digitally sophisticated and defining a sustainable size. As discussions continue and our plans develop, we invite your ongoing insight into the process and the end results.

